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Cash bonanza for power firms

Rush to beat deadline for VAT on fuel

BY ALICE THOMSON AND ROSS TIEMAN

GAS and electricity companies are receiving millions of pounds a day in advance payments as customers rush to avoid the VAT on their fuel bills from next week. Labour said yesterday that the last-minute dash would bring the power companies £1 billion by the end of the month and demanded to know who would benefit from the interest earned on the money.

More than 300,000 customers have already paid up to two years' bills in advance. One electricity consumer has paid £80,000, and the power companies have received substantial sums from institutions such as college halls of residence.

So far the advance payments are believed to total about £140 million, and an analysis for Labour by the merchant bank S. G. Warburg suggests the figure could reach £1 billion by the deadline.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, called for an investigation into the "windfall profits" the power companies would enjoy in interest on the advance payments.

"The system helps those who have money and need help least," he said. "They will escape paying VAT, often for more than two years. But it will give no benefit to pensioners or others on low income who will have to pay at the full rate."

Mr Brown said the gas and electricity watchdogs should take action to force the power companies to return their windfall in the form of lower bills. But the companies insisted that the cost of altering their computer systems and dealing with customer queries about VAT would eat all of the interest and more.

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The average advance payment so far has been £700 for gas and £300 for electricity. By paying £1,000 towards the first year's bills, householders would save £56.56 after deducting lost interest on savings at 3.375 per cent, net of tax. On £2,000 over two years, they would save £170.63.

London Electricity is handling a thousand calls a day from customers keen to avoid VAT. It has received £6.3 million in advance payments from 18,000 customers, but said that even if that reached £10 million, it would earn only £250,000 in interest. "That only partly offsets the extra costs we have incurred."

British Gas says advances so far have reached little more than £40 million, against an estimated £50 million being spent on adapting the computer system and answering enquiries about the changeover.

Credits processed by fuel companies will escape VAT at 8 per cent if they are processed before April 1, although most are asking that cheques are sent in this week to allow them time to clear. Customers have simply to send their money, their account number and a note explaining their intentions. Customers who pay more than a year's bill in advance will avoid VAT at the full 17.5 per cent, which comes into force in April next year.

According to Labour estimates, the Government could lose up to £100 million as a result of the pre-payment system, and Mr Brown also gave a warning that mortgage rates could be affected as people took money out of building societies to pay the power companies. With building society interest rates at around 4 per cent, customers are better off paying their fuel bills early than leaving their money in a savings account.

Mr Brown said the whole system was in chaos, with the power companies being left to decide how to charge for bills that straddle the introduction of the tax. He also complained that companies were being miserly in charging £20 if they were called out to read meters by customers who wanted to pay their bills early.

But Sir John Cope, minister of state at the Treasury, rejected Labour's claims saying: "We have a generous compensation package and we have energy policies which bring falling prices."

There was little the Treasury could do to prevent people exploiting the situation. "The VAT position is simple. The tax is due when you buy something. If you stock up on coal or buy gas and electricity in advance of VAT you will avoid the tax just as someone who buys alcohol or tobacco before a Budget. To have stopped that would have involved an enormous amount of red tape for everyone."

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Dennis Saunders and Susan Whybrow leaving the Old Bailey yesterday after they were cleared of conspiring to kill her husband

Lawnmower murder plot couple cleared

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A WOMAN and her lover who had spent almost three years in jail for conspiring to kill her barrister husband in the bizarre "lawnmower murder plot" were cleared at the Old Bailey yesterday after a retrial.

Susan Whybrow, 53, and Dennis Saunders, 57, are both said to be considering compensation claims after they were jailed by Norwich Crown Court in March 1991 for eight and ten years respectively.

Mrs Whybrow, who trembled when the verdicts were announced, rushed from the court in tears clutching a Good Luck card and saying: "I am just pleased they have come to the right verdicts." Mr Saunders, a flying instructor, declared: "I am delighted." Asked if he intended to resume his relationship with Mrs Whybrow, he replied: "No, no, no." Her husband, Christopher, was not in court.

In January, the Court of Appeal ordered a retrial because, it decided, interventions by the original trial judge had gone "beyond the grounds of legitimate judicial comment". The couple was released on bail.

Mr Justice Sachs, summing up at the end of the six-day retrial, said the jury had to decide whether Mrs Whybrow was "a scatterbrain, or a manipulative woman obsessed with her lover" who was determined to get rid of her husband. They had to consider whether Mr Saunders believed Mr Whybrow was beating his wife, or whether he was part of a murder plot. The couple rarely spoke or looked at each other. Mr Saunders is believed to be seeking a reconciliation with his wife.

The jury was told that they had planned to fake an accident by making it appear that Mr Whybrow had drowned when his sit-in lawnmower toppled into a lake at their £400,000 farmhouse in Leavenheath, Suffolk. The court heard how Mr Whybrow read to his wife a newspaper item about a man who died in similar circumstances.

The pair admitted conspiracy to cause actual bodily harm, but insisted that the plan was just to "rough him up" to teach him a lesson for having hit his wife.

Mr Saunders of Colchester, Essex, and Mrs Whybrow, who lives with [illegible] Wyn-outh, have served their 12-month sentences for causing actual bodily harm.

Mr Whybrow refused to comment last night at his pink-painted home, Spring Farm. His gardener said: "He is inside, but he doesn't want to speak to anyone." He said Mr Whybrow no longer owned the lawnmower. "I have one I put forward."

Villagers welcomed the verdict. Cyril Pratt, 65, a parish councillor, said: "She is a wonderful person and very popular in the village. She would always do anything to help anyone... She should never have been jailed in the first place. Her only fault was that she was easily led."

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Hurd goes to the brink in Europe voting challenge

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd issued a warning last night that he was prepared to take Europe to the brink of crisis rather than surrender Britain's rights in the dispute over European Union voting strengths. The Foreign Secretary and John Major toughened their negotiating stance in advance of today's crucial Brussels meeting of foreign ministers, saying that Britain would not be "steamrollered" over its right to reject Euro-legislation.

Both signalled that they were prepared to risk deadlock today, hinting that Britain was ready to take the matter to a special foreign ministers' gathering in Greece at the weekend, or even to force a heads-of-government meeting to settle the issue.

Implicit in their position is a recognition that they will eventually have to do a deal. But Mr Hurd and Mr Major are increasingly boxed in by the uncompromising mood among Conservative MPs and ministers.

Significantly Kenneth Clarke, the pro-European Chancellor, entered the fray with strong backing for Mr Hurd. Using language that will appeal to the Tory right, he said that "this is a union of nation states, and Douglas is negotiating firmly and sensibly to make sure you just cannot be overruled unless there is a satisfactory majority in favour of a difficult proposition".

The Cabinet has agreed a bottom line — a change to the existing voting line-up in the EU that would still protect Britain's interests.

Yesterday's co-ordinated government message was designed to show EU foreign ministers that if necessary Mr Hurd will keep them talking beyond tonight. Downing Street described today's meeting as "the first occasion for real negotiation". Officials said that even if agreement were delayed — possibly to an informal meeting of foreign ministers at Ioannina in northern Greece at the weekend, or even later, it would not alter the timetable for enlargement of the EU.

Speaking in Dublin, Mr Hurd gave notice of a long haul when he said: "Sometimes agreement takes longer than we hope, and this may unfortunately be true again this week." He defended Britain against accusations of intransigence, saying: "The Union is a negotiation — a non-stop negotiation, with brinkmanship and deal-making in its blood. Those who despise this process need to reflect in the hallowed alternative of the past: bitter argument, leading to broken relations, to trade restrictions or even to war."

He said Britain wanted the EU to work effectively as it enlarged, but to do that "certain principles must be upheld". Britain and Spain, which is backing him in his dispute, believed that all member states "need to be sure that their views will not be steamrollered in discussion".

The proportion of Europe's population that could be outvoted under the existing system had risen to 40 per cent and would go even higher under the proposal to raise the

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Paisley: "never seen Mr Major more angry"

Shouts at Number 10

John Major and the Rev Ian Paisley were involved in a noisy shouting match inside No 10 as they reviewed the refusal of Dr Paisley's hardline Unionists to back the Ulster peace accord.

"It was a very rough meeting." Dr Paisley said after the 30-minute private discussion. "I have never seen the Prime Minister more angry" Page 2

Thatcher faints in Chile speech

Baroness Thatcher, on the third day of a private visit to Chile, fainted during a speech to businessmen in Santiago. She recovered quickly and returned to the microphone to apologize before leaving the room.

Judge's threat to the Clintons

David Hale, a former Arkansas judge on trial for fraud, agreed to tell all he knows of President Clinton's involvement in Whitewater in return for charges against him being dropped Page 17

Serbs ring UN forces with mines after arms find

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SARAJEVO

SERB soldiers yesterday laid mines around United Nations troops trying to seal off a cache of tanks, howitzers and mortars discovered half a mile inside the heavy-weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo. As many as 100 Canadian soldiers were hemmed in by the mines, which were removed only after a confrontation between UN and Serb commanders.

The arms discovery, near the town of Visoko, posed the biggest threat yet to the five-week ceasefire in the Bosnian capital. It also raised again the prospect of Nato air strikes, although Serb authorities insisted that the arsenal was outside the exclusion zone.

The weapons, including four tanks, an armoured personnel carrier, three anti-aircraft guns, four 105mm howitzers and 18 mortars, were found by a Canadian platoon. Major Simon MacDowall, for the UN Protection Force (Unprofor), said the weapons were not pointing at Sarajevo and could not engage the capital, adding: "We are looking to get them out of the exclusion zone or under firmer control."

He said mines had been laid at two of the three places where the UN troops had been working "to limit the movement of the Canadian forces and to prevent them doing their job".

The Bosnian Serbs, however, disagreed, and General Adriaan van Baal, the UN commander's chief of staff, who met local Bosnian Serb commanders to try to settle the dispute, admitted that the two sides were using different maps. He added that they would today try to define the area exactly.

Major MacDowall said that after the arsenal was discovered the Canadians called up an additional company to prevent it being used, but had not been able to persuade the Serbs to move the weapons. "Obviously the situation is something of a face-off, but not too tense," he said. "There has been no shooting ... but the Canadians have got their weapons pointed in the direction of the Serbs, and the Serbs have theirs in the direction of the Canadians."

In terms of the Nato ultimatum, the weapons should either be removed or risk being destroyed by air strikes, but Major MacDowell said that while such strikes were "a possibility" there was no intention to resort to them yet. "The UN is not prepared to enter this war as another combatant," he said.

The development came as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees sent a second convoy from Zagreb to Maglaj. It is expected to arrive today. A spokesman said the condition of the 20,000 Muslims who received the first convoy for five months on Sunday had not been as bad as expected, probably because of interim air drops.

Destruction, however, was considerable. Nine people had been taken to Zenica for hospital treatment and dozens more had yet to be moved.

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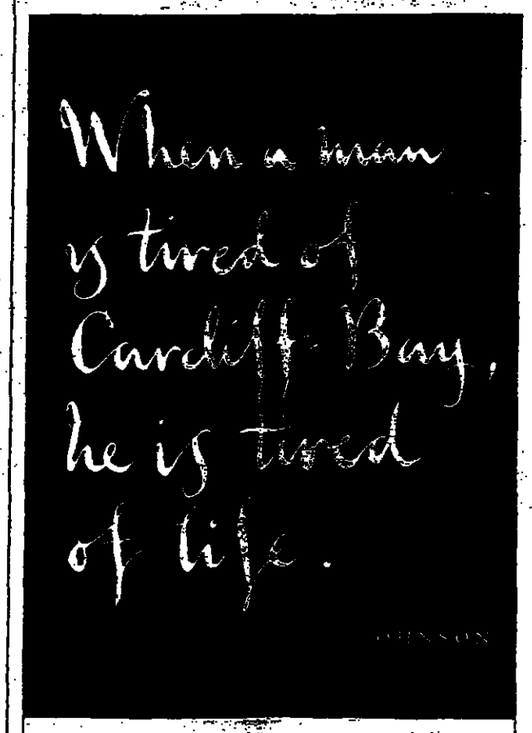
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Angry Major tells Paisley he is talking 'rubbish'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major vented his anger yesterday at the refusal of hardline Unionists to back his Ulster peace accord as a private Downing Street meeting with the Rev Ian Paisley degenerated into a shouting match.

The Prime Minister told the leader of the Democratic Unionists that he was talking "rubbish" and cut short the encounter around the cabinet table when it became apparent it was getting nowhere.

Mr Paisley said Mr Major had thumped the table with a copy of the joint declaration on Northern Ireland. Mr Paisley's customary booming delivery was not enough to drown out the Prime Minister as the two men repeatedly interrupted one another.

Mr Paisley said: "I have never seen the Prime Minister more angry. He threw his papers around three or four times. He lifted the Downing Street declaration and threw it in front of him, then threw it back again, and brought it out again and threw it back again.

"I had to raise my voice in order that the Prime Minister could hear because he was shouting so loudly."

Downing Street officials denied that Mr Major had hurled his papers around the cabinet room, but agreed he might have thumped the table with them for emphasis. The officials conceded that the meeting had been ill-tempered and added that Mr Major had brought it to an end. "It was very loud," said one senior aide.

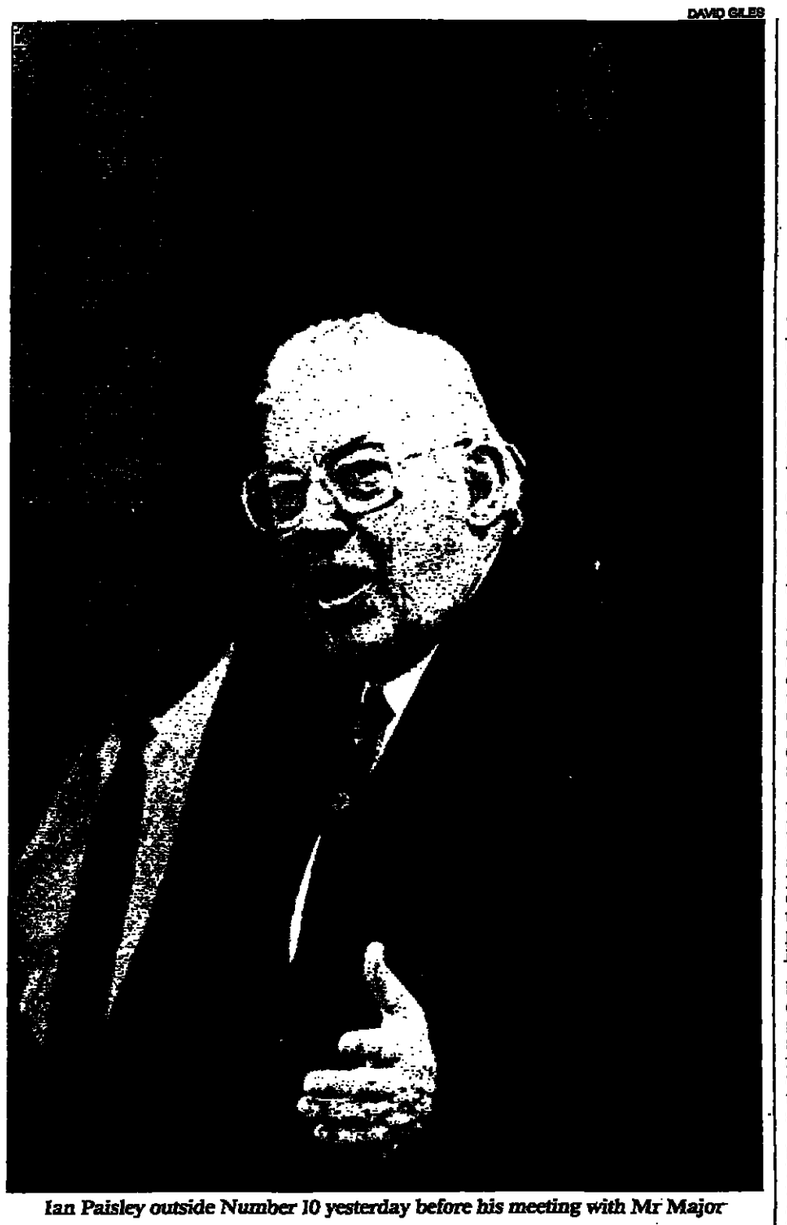
Mr Paisley is locked in a fierce struggle with James Molyneaux, the Leader of the more moderate Ulster Unionists, for Loyalist support in the European elections in June. The Ulster Unionists have pronounced the joint declaration dead and are drawing back from talks among the constitutional parties. Mr Paisley said yesterday he would seek to turn the election into a referendum on the declaration agreed with Dublin. At Downing Street, Mr Paisley enraged the Prime Minister by dismissing the joint declaration as "iniquitous and a farce" and describing it as a "rotten sinking vessel which is going down now in confusion". Mr Major accused him of continually misrepresenting the joint declaration.

Mr Major told Dr Paisley it was "rubbish" for him to claim that everyone was waiting for the IRA to respond to the joint declaration. He did not accept that the joint declaration was iniquitous. It was a set of principles from which he hoped there would be a negotiated peace in Northern Ireland. He said he had had enough of listening to Mr Paisley's misrepresentation of government policy.

☐ Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Dick Spring, his Irish counterpart, told a joint press conference in Dublin yesterday that Sinn Fein would be allowed to enter talks on Northern Ireland only when it had permanently renounced violence.

Mr Hurd said: "What is needed is a cessation of violence. The whole principle on which the Downing Street declaration is founded is consent and discussion, but only among those who have permanently abandoned the use of violence."

DAVID GILES



Ian Paisley outside Number 10 yesterday before his meeting with Mr Major

How Army wants Dublin to corner IRA

BY OUR IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE RUC and the Army want the Dublin government to approve these actions in the fight against terrorism:

☐ Hot pursuit: the right to send troops across the 300-mile border in pursuit of IRA suspects. Dublin regards such actions as a threat to its sovereignty.

☐ Helicopter surveillance: it is regarded as essential that military helicopters be allowed to cross the border to pinpoint the weapons that the IRA is known to store in counties Monaghan and Cavan.

☐ Extradition: the republic's laws on this have long been a source of irritation between London and Dublin. A bill to close loopholes is due to be considered by the Irish senate. However, the new bill still categorises certain offences as political.

In addition, Sir Hugh Annesley, the RUC chief constable, has drawn up a seven-point plan to reform Northern Ireland's criminal law. This includes:

☐ Removal of the right to silence when being questioned about crime. He said: "There is a certain perversity in that one is obliged to answer questions about one's income tax and yet somebody charged with the most horrendous and serious crimes is allowed to sit in a police station and say nothing." It is understood that ministers feel this proposal goes too far.

☐ Making it an offence to refuse to answer questions in certain circumstances. Since 1988, courts in Northern Ireland have been allowed to draw inferences from a failure to answer questions.

☐ Making intelligence evidence, including phone-taps, admissible in court. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, will introduce an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill on this next Monday.

Teachers accuse 'obsessive' Patten

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS last night accused John Patten of putting politics before education by excluding two-thirds of state secondaries from an initiative encouraging them to specialise in sport or languages and business studies.

The profession's hostility overshadowed an attempt by the Education Secretary to woo teachers by pledging that the Government planned no further education legislation this Parliament.

Mr Patten told the Grant-Maintained Schools' annual conference in Birmingham that the new scheme, modelled on one for schools specialising in technology, would be open only to secondaries that have opted out of local authority control or voluntary-aided schools.

He effectively drew a line under the most concentrated period of education reform — 15 Education Acts since 1979, as many as in the preceding 35 years — by promising that the current Bill to reform teacher training was the last major piece in the Government's jigsaw.

However, Mr Patten's olive branch was rejected by teachers' leaders, who were angered by his decision to stop local authority schools from applying for grants to upgrade their facilities under the new specialist schools scheme.

They highlighted a report by the Office for Standards in Education last week that found local authority schools spent money under a previous technology initiative more effectively than opted-out or voluntary-aided schools.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said Mr Patten's concentration on grant-maintained and voluntary-aided schools at the expense of pupils in those remaining with local authorities was an "ideological obession".

"With one hand the Secretary of State offers peace yet in the other he invites teachers and schools to challenge him over the unfair and unacceptable implications of major planks in the Government's policy," he said.

POLITICAL SKETCH

Beast in the bush is worth two laughs at the law

Why are the law officers so boring?" shouted Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW) during Questions to the Attorney-General yesterday. Mr Banks, who is becoming a poor man's Parliamentary Ben Elton, spoke for us all. The Attorney and the Solicitor-General — Sir Nicholas Lyell from the smooth-talking Home Counties and Sir Derek Spencer from the gritty North — produce a sort of double concerto in inter-regional legal hocus pocus. Heads spin, and finally loll, as the dismal duo drone through their alloted ten minutes of not answering a single question. They are trying to match Sir Patrick Mayhew's magnificent record, when Attorney-General, of not answering questions for five whole years, and doing so, or not doing so, in grand style.

Towards the end of Sir Patrick's time his *hauteur* became such that MPs, who had long ceased to expect answers, began to apologise for the impertinence of even asking questions which might ruffle the dignity of a personage of such towering probity and learning.

Lyell and Spencer are still only apprentices. They do occasionally let slip a helpful answer or new fact. But yesterday they were stonewalling well — almost à la *Mayhew*. MPs, of course, wanted to know about public interest immunity certificates and the Scott enquiry. Sir Nicholas had plainly decided to stick to the answer that the former were a matter for the latter, and the progress of the latter was not a matter for him. "Don't ask me, ask Scott."

Lyell attached himself to this strategy with the tenacity of an anxious limpet. Labour's cause John Fraser quoted Michael Heseltine's claim that Lyell had promised that the trial judge would be informed of Heseltine's worries. That Mr Heseltine's memory served him correctly, asked Fraser? This, retorted Lyell, was a matter for Scott. It is now outwith the Attorney's competence even to describe his own recollection of what he himself has said. The legal fog thickened. Eyes swam and minds misted over.

Gratitude is therefore due to Dennis Skinner (Lab, Bolsover) for rousing the session from a jurisprudential coma, and in the nick of time. Unfortunately for Mr Skinner, he did so at his own expense. The merriment was not intended.

Let us not beat about the bush. It was a tragic error for the Member for Bolsover to use the term "cover-up" in his question to the Attorney-General. Nobody whom the tabloid newspapers have recently reported as being sighted hiding in the bushes in Chelsea in a pulled-down *hat, his face obscured by a* woolly scarf, hoping to visit a lady without being recognised, should touch such a phrases.

For at least the rest of 1994, we would have advised Mr Skinner to steer clear of every kind of verbal image of concealment. Words like "secret", "hide", "disguise" or "incognito" should all be taboo. Ten minutes with his *Roget's Thesaurus* before bed every night would help the Beast identify extensive sections of the English language to be programmed out of his Commons vocabulary. His question yesterday was about the Scott enquiry, but the moment Mr Skinner said "cover-up" all was lost.

"*Cover-up?* Pull down yer balaclava!" shouted some Tory wag. "*Cover-up, cover-up*" Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) began to shriek, like some kind of geriatric playground banshee. Bouncing on her bench, the gentle Dame continued this squawk throughout the rest of Mr Skinner's question, which was quite lost.



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After 28 years, ANC welcomes tourists

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BRITISH tourists are welcome in South Africa for the first time in nearly 30 years, the African National Congress said yesterday. Since 1966 the ANC has urged tourists to boycott the country, saying their presence gave credence to the apartheid regime.

With hopes of a new government, the National Tourism Forum, established by the ANC last May, said that foreign exchange could help South Africa to tackle its economic problems.

Peter Mokaba, forum chairman and a former ANC youth leader, said in London that an effective tourism strategy could earn £1.3 billion in foreign exchange. In 1991 South Africa received 521,000 visitors, of which 190,000 were tourists. Thailand received more than five million visitors and Australia 2.37 million.

"Despite the unique attractions of wildlife and game parks, dramatic scenic beauty, superb climate and cultural richness, South Africa has failed to capture its share of the world market," Mr Mokaba said.

He put failure down to the political climate and poor management of the tourism industry. "If the new government were to set itself the conservative target of only one million additional tourists annually by the year 2000, South Africa would need to expand its tourism infrastructure by at least 18,000 new hotels and game-lodge rooms."

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Army blood pioneer is out of a job

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Army officer responsible for a new method of freezing blood that could make millions of pounds in royalty income for the Treasury has been made redundant.

Col Michael Thomas, commanding officer at the Army Blood Supply Depot at Aldershot, Hampshire, watched last week as a deal to market the method was signed, aware that the Ministry of Defence had already decided to end his military career.

"It was a bit of a shock to get the brown envelope, though, especially with the involvement in this project going on at the time," Col Thomas said.

The new process has taken 20 years to develop and allows blood to be safely frozen and quickly defrosted for use in hospitals or on the battlefield. A Dutch company plans to make it commercially viable.

Col Thomas, 56, was also responsible for organising the collection and transport of emergency blood supplies for civilian hospitals in Bosnia.

Euro battle

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blocking minority from 23 to 27 votes. The proportion was too high for such a further increase "to proceed unchecked and unqualified as on past occasions".

Mr Clarke underlined the hard line as he rejected changes that would be "at the expense of the role of the nation state". He denied that the Government's stand was simply a sop to the Tory party's Euro-sceptics over Britain's power to block unpalatable EU legislation. "My views on Europe have never been driven by 12 or 15 Euro-sceptics and never will be," he told a news conference in Brussels. "I don't accept that there is any need whatever to move to 27 as a blocking minority, which others seem to think automatically flows from enlargement." Sir Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, called on the Cabinet to quieten down. "The whole of this argument is extraordinarily damaging to our country as well as to our party."

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Four soldiers may face Falklands trial

Up to four soldiers could face prosecution for alleged war crimes involving Argentinian soldiers during the Falklands campaign. A two-year investigation by Scotland Yard is now complete and a report will be delivered to the Crown Prosecution Service within the next week or so. A decision on any charges will be taken by Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, and her staff.

According to Yard sources, a "handful" of soldiers may be prosecuted, but there may be doubts over the strength of evidence from witnesses traumatised by battle.

Tory MP stands down

John Ward, the Conservative MP for Poole, is to stand down at the next general election. Mr Ward, 69, a former parliamentary private secretary to the Treasury who had a majority of 12,831 at the last general election, made the unexpected announcement at the annual meeting of Poole Conservative Association.

Asian satellite deal

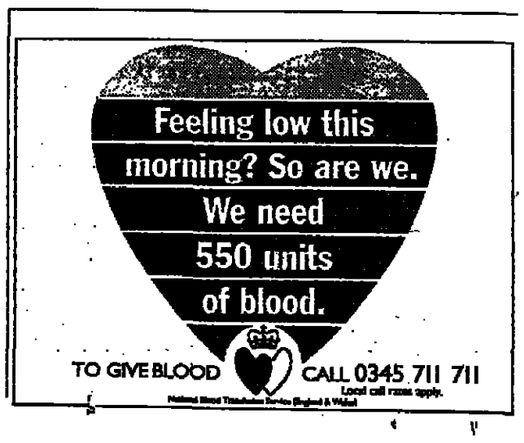
BBC World Service Television (WSTV) and Star Television, the Hong Kong-based satellite company controlled by The News Corporation, ultimate owner of *The Times*, have secured an agreement that will allow WSTV to continue broadcasting its 24-hour news and information channel to Asia on Star's satellite until 1996.

US admiral nominated

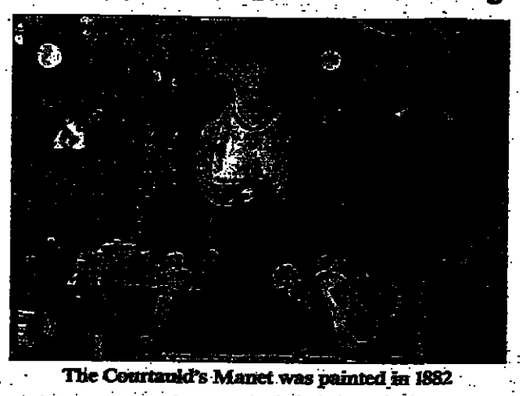
President Clinton will announce today his nomination of Admiral William Crowe, formerly President Reagan's chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to be the next ambassador to Britain. Senate confirmation of the appointment of Adm Crowe, 69, appears to be assured.

Queen invests UN chief

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the commander of UN forces in Bosnia who organised Sunday's football match in Sarajevo, flew to London last night to attend an investiture at Buckingham Palace. The Queen will invest him a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.



Manet missed by Nazi plunderers shows the evolution of a masterpiece



The Courtauld's Manet was painted in 1882

By John Shaw

AN EARLY version of one of the impressionist movement's most famous paintings, which was hidden from Nazi art hunters during the Second World War, is to be sold for an estimated £3 million at Sotheby's.

Eduard Manet's *A Bar At The Folies-Bergère* was his last great salon picture and now hangs in the Courtauld Institute galleries in London. But the artist's first version has come to light from a collection formed before the war by Franz Koenigs, a German investment banker who settled in Holland after the First World War.

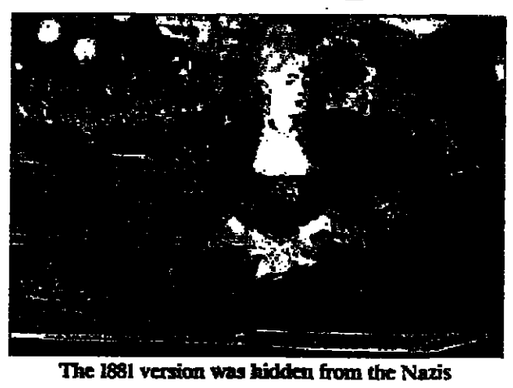
The picture shows a man talking to a barmaid against a background of spectators reflected in the mirror behind them. After its discovery, an x-ray photograph of the Courtauld picture was taken which shows a more spontaneous version underneath the final "studied monumentality of the final masterpiece", said Melanie Clore of Sotheby's.

"In the picture we are selling, the woman looks different, she's looking a different way and the man on the right is holding a newspaper and he also looks different. But if you look at the two pictures together, you can see how it evolved. It's fascinating," she said.

Mr Koenigs owned a legendary group of 400 Old Master drawings collected in the 1920s. They were lent and then sold to the Boymans Museum in Rotterdam and were on show when the Germans invaded in 1940. Part of the collection was "purchased" for Hitler's proposed museum at Linz in Austria and was shipped to Dresden where they were seized by the Russians in 1945 and sent to Moscow.

Miss Clore said: "The Nazis knew about the drawings because they were owned by the museum. But Mr Koenigs formed his own small private, in a sense, secret, collection which the Nazis did not know about. The Manet is part of that collection."

The Manet being sold by Sotheby's on June 28 was painted in 1881. Manet completed the Courtauld version in 1882, a year before he died. Mr Koenigs bought the Manet in 1928. He died in a train crash in 1941 and his personal collection was divided among members of his family.



The 1881 version was hidden from the Nazis

Love-cult women lose last battle over extradition

By Emma Wilkins

TWO former women disciples of a free love cult yesterday lost their battle against extradition to the United States over charges of conspiring to murder a state attorney.

The women could be taken back to America by marshals from Oregon within a week. If found guilty, they face sentences of 20 years' imprisonment.

Susan Hagan, 47, who has two adult children, and Sally Croft, 44, an accountant with a City of London firm, were refused leave by three law lords for an appeal to the House of Lords.

Ms Croft, who lives in a flat off Oxford Street, London, said: "I am in a state of complete shock. We have spent the last three and a half years preparing for any eventuality, but I could never understand how this could happen to us — and I still can't. It's the end of the road as far as the legal system here is concerned."

Mrs Hagan, an aromatherapy teacher from Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, said: "I am devastated. I can't actually believe it."

The women, former members of the cult formed by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the late Indian guru and multi-millionaire, have exhausted every legal avenue following Kenneth Clarke's decision as Home Secretary in 1993 to order their extradition. The women had appealed against a High Court order to deport them in 1990.

Their only hope of avoiding extradition is a personal appeal to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. The women were consulting their legal advisers last night. They have denied charges of conspiring to murder Charles Turner, a state attorney, who was investigating immigration offences said to have been committed by cult followers in 1985. Ms Croft, who was the cult's financial adviser, has been accused of providing money to buy guns for the alleged plot.

The women left the cult in 1985, disillusioned, and returned to England. Mr Turner was never harmed.

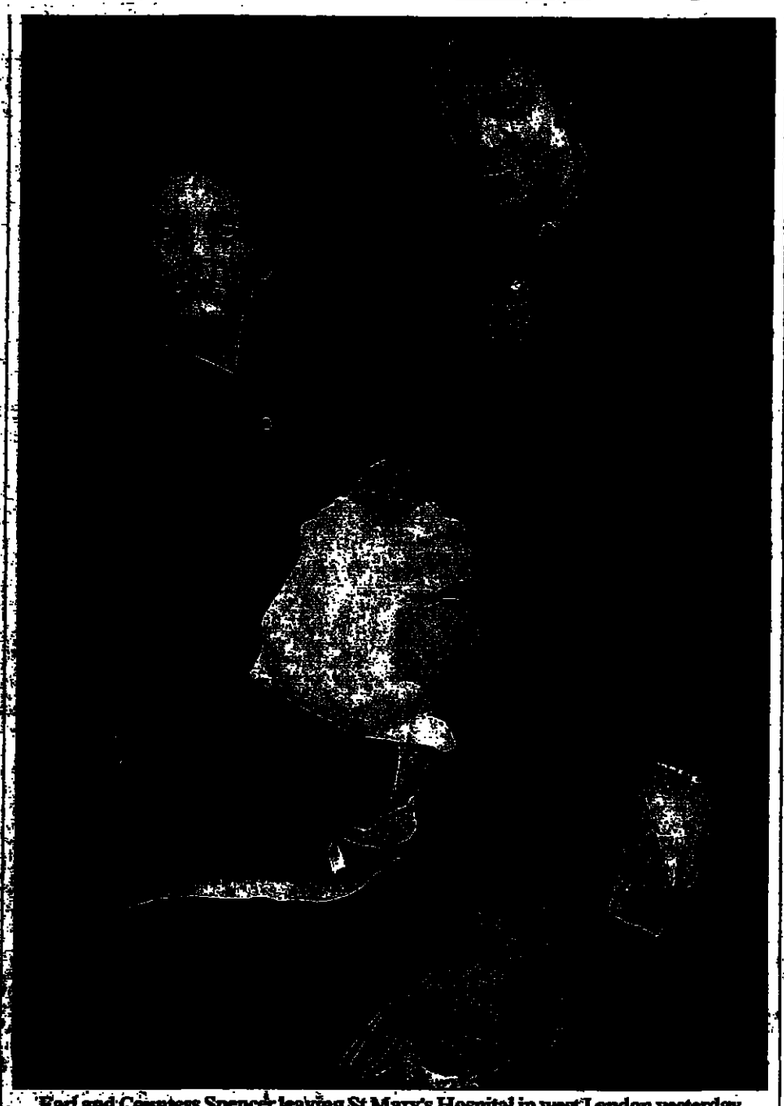
Andrew McCooey, the women's solicitor, said they would not get a fair trial in America. "The only evidence brought against them comes from plea-bargainers who were, under duress," he said yesterday. "I am extremely disappointed with the law lords' decision.

"My fear is that [Mr Clarke] made a political decision in 1993 when he was seeking deportation of IRA suspects."

Edward Fitzgerald, counsel for the women, argued at the hearing in a Hindu scripture known as the Bhagavad Gita, which Mr Clarke's decision was based on his statement merely of the facts, that the Lord Templeman, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Lloyd of Berwick and the Home Secretary had "lost the distinction" and the duty to look to the wider picture of justice.



Devastated: Susan Hagan, left, and Sally Croft



Earl and Countess Spencer leaving St Mary's Hospital in west London yesterday with their daughter Kitty and week-old son Louis Frederick, Viscount Althorp

RAF team looks for missing soldiers

By Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong and Dominic Kennedy

AN ELITE team of RAF rescuers will today attempt to lower themselves into the treacherous gully where five soldiers went missing 23 days ago.

The 16-strong mountain rescue team spent yesterday preparing their descent by laying ropes down Low's Gully on Mount Kinabalu in Malaysian Borneo.

At the same time, 400 Malaysian troops and police, led by native scouts, were hacking through the jungle of the lower slopes to reach the gully from below.

A Malaysian Army helicopter was yesterday unable to find any point in the dense jungle where the vegetation cleared enough to lower a winch.

So far, however, the only traces of the soldiers has been some climbing ropes and rubbish from their ration packs.

The RAF mountain rescue team, flown across the world to find the two missing British officers and three Hong Kong Chinese non-commissioned officers, are near the top of 13,450 ft Kinabalu, the highest peak in southeast Asia.

The missing Britons are Lt Col Robert Neill, 46, based in York, and Major Ronald Foster, 54, of Grantham, both from the Royal Logistics Corps, who were on an approved exercise.

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Woman denies insulin death bid

By a Staff Reporter

A WOMAN who preferred her four dogs to her diabetic husband tried to kill him by stealing his insulin and unscrewing the door handles to trap him in the house as he lay on the verge of a coma, it was alleged yesterday.

Marion Leeming knew her husband David was ill because of an insulin imbalance but, when her plan failed, she stabbed him in the head and arms, James Spencer QC, for the prosecution, told Leeds Crown Court.

Mrs Leeming, 47, of Bradford, denies attempted murder and wounding with intent in November 1992. Mr Spencer said she had stormed out of their home a week earlier when her husband rebuked her for feeding her Yorkshire terriers with a table fork.

On the night of the alleged incident, she visited her husband three times, determined to get him out of the house. She took handles off the front door and his insulin supplies from the fridge. On the third visit, she armed herself with a knife.

Mr Spencer said Mr Fleming, 58, "came round with her standing over him with the knife in her hand saying she had stabbed him." She left and he called an ambulance.

The trial continues.

Sea of ice sinks drive around the world

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

SIX adventurers were rescued from a sea of ice by helicopter as their multi-million pound attempt to travel overland from London to New York was abandoned yesterday.

The first attempt to traverse the globe by land came to grief as the team found itself marooned amid a hundred miles of frozen sea with its amphibious vehicle slowly sinking into the water.

The Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska, always held the most risk for the London to New York Overland Challenge. Carefully laid plans and a big back-up crew were not enough to beat the forces of nature.

Richard Creasey, the expedition leader, was forced to call for help after a five-day struggle through Arctic storms. A helicopter was dispatched to pick up the team, which huddled together watching as the amphibious vehicle slowly disappeared through the ice sheet.

The team is in Alaska, recovering from the ordeal and disappointed that the challenge has ended in failure.

Mr Creasey said: "I am desperately disappointed. I feel I have let down so many people. It would be difficult to say that we have succeeded in our objective to drive overland or over ice from London to New York. The project did not succeed in the way I wanted it too."

The team set out from the Embankment on Boxing Day in two Ford Mondeo cars and four Ford Maverick four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The team was reunited with its cars and 4x4 vehicles ready to continue today the 3,000-mile drive to New York. However, the delays in the Strait mean they are unlikely to arrive in time for the official welcome on March 31.

The experience has not daunted Mr Creasey. He is planning a fresh attempt to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations next year.

The Suffolk lawnmower case

Cheating wife bought lobster and balaclava

By a Staff Reporter

WHEN Susan Whybrow left her husband at home in Leavenheath, Suffolk, to go shopping on the morning of October 18, 1989, her list included a lobster for dinner, a balaclava face mask and earmuffs.

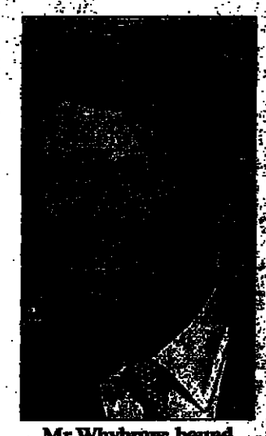
As usual, the Old Bailey was told during the course of the retrial of Whybrow and her lover, Dennis Saunders, the barrister's wife left her Range Rover parked on a double yellow line while shopping in Manningtree, Essex.

On her return Whybrow, 49, told her husband Christopher, said to be quiet and reserved: "I want sex now in the sitting room." His response was: "What, before lunch?"

Mr Whybrow, at home preparing a legal brief, stripped to his socks while his wife excused herself to go to the toilet. In fact she was telling Saunders, who was concealed nearby, where they were.

Saunders, known as "Dennis the Menace" at the Ipswich flying club where he was an instructor, because of his determined pursuit of female learners, was a former lorry driver and a contrast to his wealthy, well-spoken pupil. She had decided to learn to fly during a two-year affair with a farming neighbour who owned a light aircraft.

To her neighbours, Whybrow was the model of a country-loving lawyer's wife, helping with the upkeep of the local church, delivering meals on wheels to the sick, and driving an elderly neighbour to see her husband in hospital.



Mr Whybrow: bound, blindfolded and gagged

Mr Whybrow suspected his wife was having an affair. In fact she had several. He himself had begun their relationship while she was still married to her first husband, Roydon Urquhart Thomas QC, who worked in the same chambers.

On the day Whybrow and Saunders decided to "teach Whybrow a lesson" for allegedly mistreating her, she returned to the living room to find her husband dressed only in his socks.

"Oh dear," she told him, "I wanted to take all your clothes off, slowly." Unlikely as this sounded to her husband of ten years, Mr Whybrow allowed her to help him back into his clothes.

Seconds later, she manoeuvered him towards the back door where Saunders, who pretended to be a burglar, pounced. He was wearing the balaclava bought hours before and a pair of Mr Whybrow's overalls in the hope of disguising his identity.

Whybrow and Saunders bound and blindfolded Mr Whybrow, then gagged him with a pair of tights. He fought back and in the struggle his blindfold slipped and he recognised his wife's 54-year-old flying instructor.

They manhandled him out of the house to a steep bank beside the pond in the garden of their £400,000 cottage.

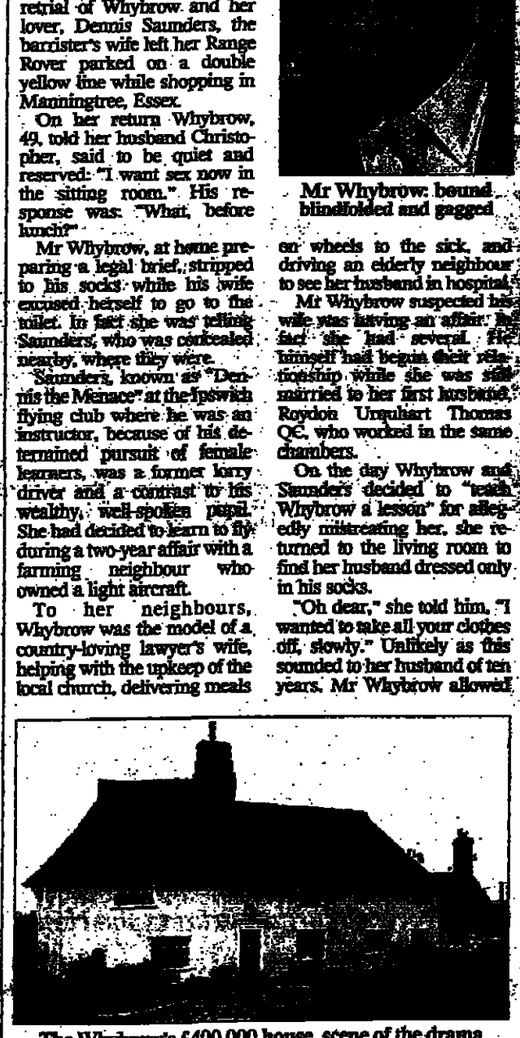
As Mr Whybrow stood beside the pond he heard the sound of his sit-on lawnmower being started up and recalled a newspaper story he had read to his wife about a man whose similar machine had toppled into a ditch, drowning him in a few inches of water.

Fear gave him strength and he fought his way free, yelling to his wife who was driving the machine and wearing the pig masks to deaden the noise: "Don't let him kill me." As he leapt into the pond and swam to freedom, she allegedly shouted back: "You've been horrid to me."

Mr Whybrow, wet and shivering, sought refuge with a neighbour, imploring her to lock him into a room. At first she thought he was drunk but then realised he was suffering from shock and called the police.

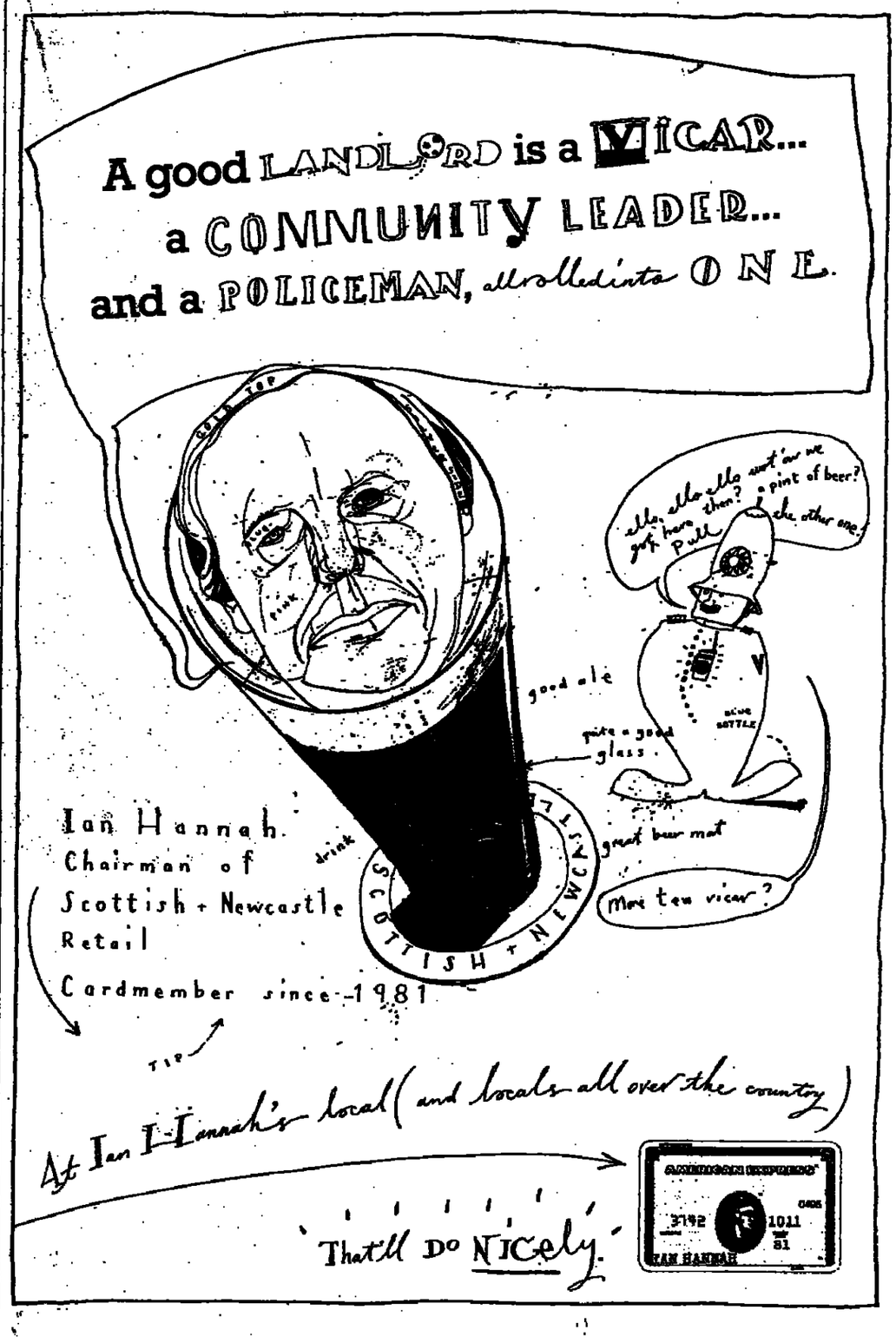
Whybrow told the court: "I am ashamed to say I felt on a high. I felt powerful because two men were fighting over me." She failed to intervene when her husband begged for mercy.

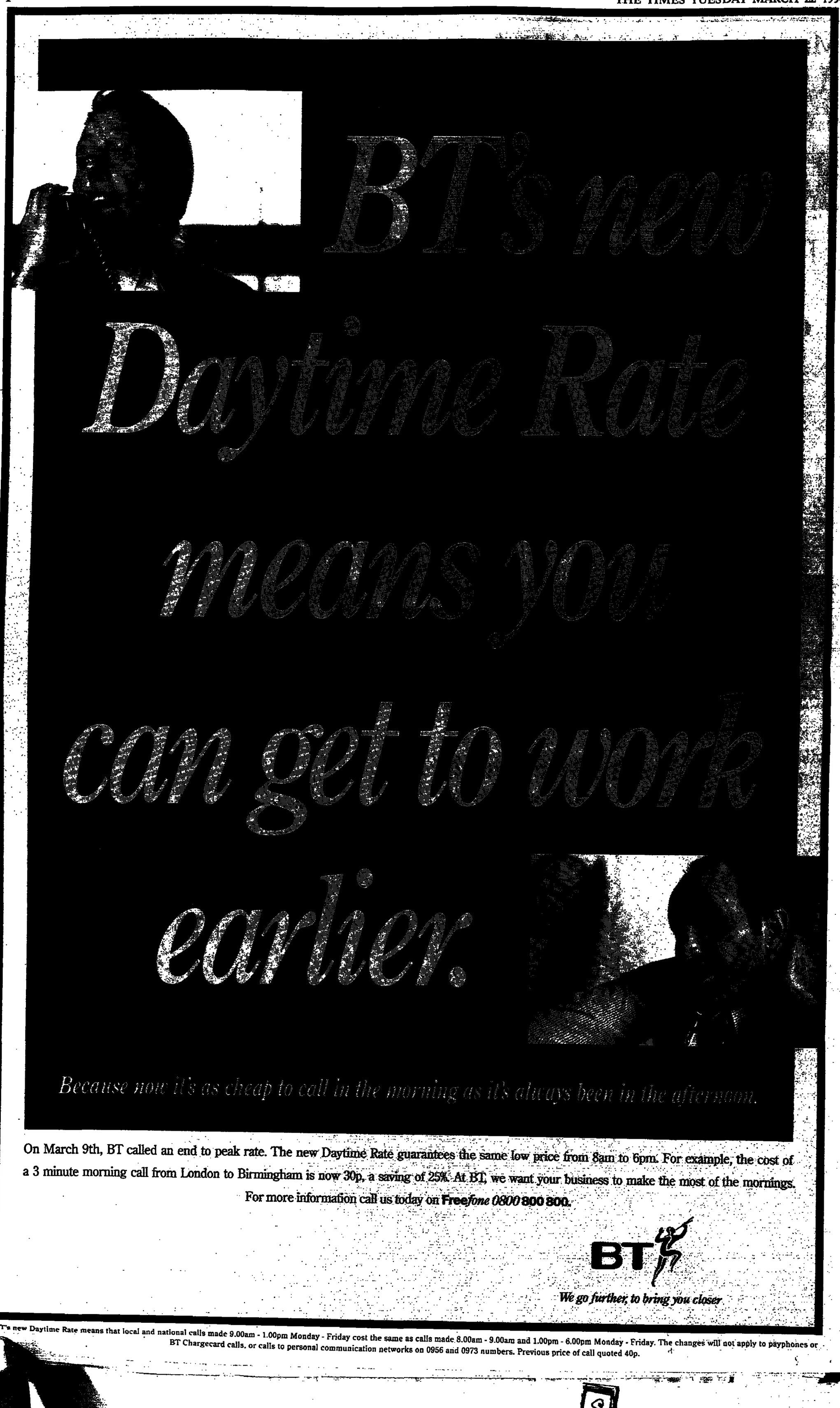
Whybrow added that Saunders had said: "I think he has had enough". "He released his grip and Christopher wriggled through the brambles, it was terrible. He looked up at me and said: "I love you".



The Whybrow's £400,000 house, scene of the drama

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Four youths sentenced today for mindless battering of 'good samaritan' who objected to vandalism

Cult video blamed over killing

BY RICHARD DUCE

FOUR youths will be sentenced today after being found guilty of kicking to death a father of three who remonstrated with them for vandalising a traffic bollard.

Police believe that the violent attack on Les Reed, 45, known to friends and neighbours as a "good citizen", was partly inspired by a cult video about gang warfare in the United States, which the youths had watched.

Stephen James, 20, and two 17-year-olds known only as Youth A and Youth B will be sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court after a jury convicted them of murder. Michael Mundell, 20, was cleared of murder but convicted of manslaughter. All four were also convicted of causing grievous bodily harm to Phillip Tull, a friend of Mr Reed, who was beaten up in the attack.

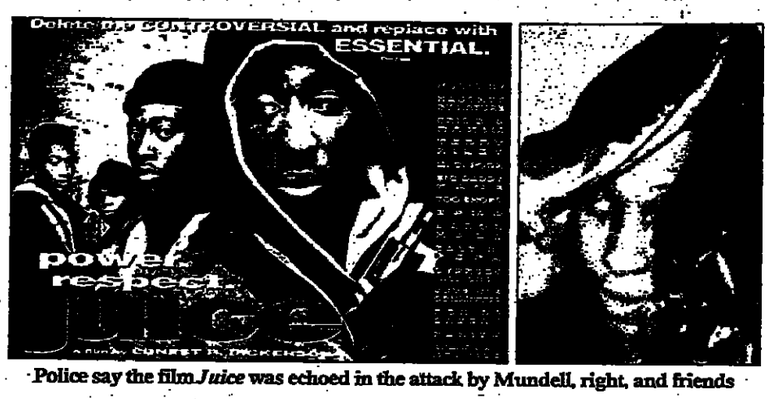
The injuries to Mr Reed, from Cardiff, who was disabled with arthritis and high blood pressure, were so severe that doctors who examined his body thought that he had been hit by a car.

During the three-week trial, the court was told that Mr Reed was walking home from a social club with Mr Tull when he saw the gang wrecking the traffic bollard, a frequent target for vandalism on the city's Ely estate. After they asked the youths to stop, the two men became victims of "mindless and brutal violence", John Griffith Williams, for the prosecution, said.

He told the court that after the attack Youth B told a friend: "When you have a fight you don't stop stamping until they are dead." When told by one of the gang that it appeared Mr Reed was dead, Youth B is said to have replied: "I hope so."

Police investigating the murder had little trouble tracing the suspects. Two of them had sprayed their names in aerosol paint at the scene.

Police believe that the attack was inspired by a scene from the film *Juice*, a slang American term for respect, in which a family man is killed for trying to enforce law and order. Moments after the attack on Mr Reed, one of the gang was alleged to have said: "I've got the juice," mimicking a line from the "15" certificate film, available on video throughout Britain.



Police say the film *Juice* was echoed in the attack by Mundell, right, and friends

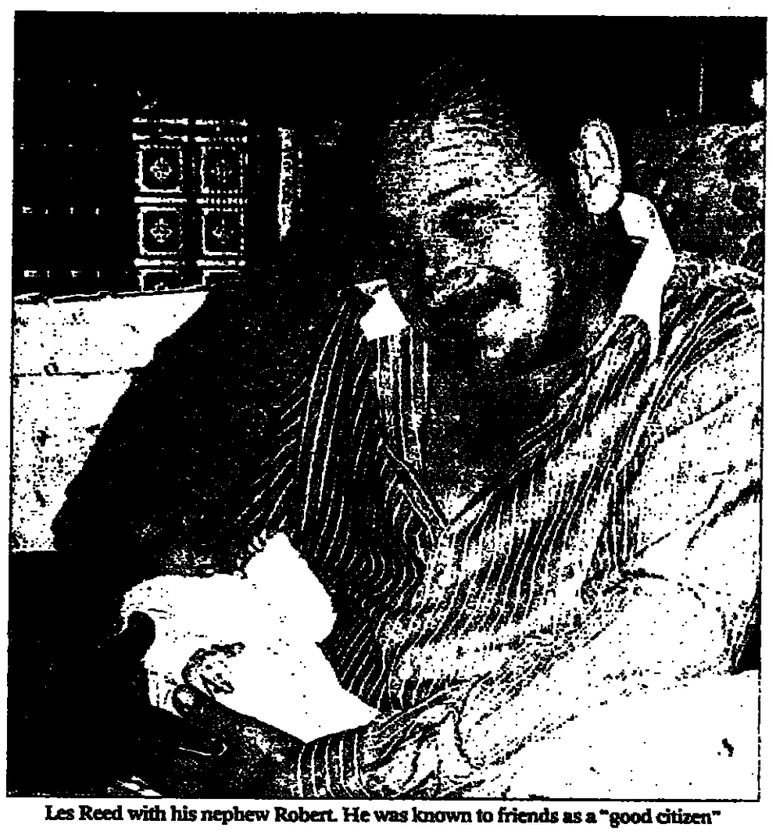
Mr Tull, also 45, survived the attack by curling up into a ball as the gang kicked him. He said after the trial that he still could not bear to walk along the path and pedestrian crossing where the attack happened. "It's been on my mind every day. I haven't used that crossing since it happened.

"I had known Les all my life. He was against violence. He just told them to give the neighbours a bit of peace and not be bloody stupid — that's all it took. There is no way we would have wanted to get mixed up with the gang. We just wanted to stay away from them."

Mr Tull had told the court that Mr Reed was "fed up and cheesed off" with vandalism on the estate. More than 2,000 residents have signed a petition calling for Charteris Green, where the attack took place, to be fenced off and turned into a park named after Mr Reed. They have also raised £10,000 to help his widow Linda, 44, and their three children, Martin, 19, Amanda, 14, and Sharon, 12.

Mr Reed, a former steel worker, was a life member of Ely's West End social club. Kevin Payne, the club treasurer, said: "Everyone got on well with him. He never got into trouble but he would always step in and try and calm things down. He was a genuinely nice bloke who really cared about other people."

Mrs Reed said: "I feel angry about those boys and I know the children do, too. But if Les were here he'd forgive them and even try and get them back on the right track again. He used to say there was good in everyone, and it was up to us to find it."



Les Reed with his nephew Robert. He was known to friends as a "good citizen"

Guards on bomb watch at CSA office

BY ANDREW PIERCE

EXTRA security officers experienced in bomb alert techniques have been drafted into the Child Support Agency (CSA) because of growing fears for the safety of the staff.

Hate mail, packed with items such as razor blades and condoms, has been sent to the six CSA regional headquarters. The security officers have been brought in to guard postal staff at the Midlands headquarters in Brierley Hill, West Midlands. Employees have been issued with protective plastic gloves. The agency will not say whether they have been sent into the other centres.

An agency spokesman said: "Regrettably, there has been some harassment of our staff. When you consider the issues we are dealing with it is not surprising." He appealed for the public not to take it out on the civil servants. "They are just employees," he said. "They are not the proper focus for people to vent their frustration."

Paul Doxey, West Midlands co-ordinator of the Network Against CSA, said: "We don't support undignified actions which are outside the law. There are groups, with which we are not affiliated, who we know are doing this. There are some very angry people who are prepared to do various things in order to bring the CSA to heel. But we are only seeking to act responsibly and within the law."

It is the latest in a long list of problems which has beset the agency since it was set up in April last year. Staff at the agency are turning in growing numbers to stress counsellors, and demanding transfers, because of the burden of their work.

Last year the 40 welfare counsellors working for the benefits agency handled 12,000 cases. The number is expected to increase dramatically this year. The regional offices, with the exception of Birkenhead, Merseyside, have experienced a wave of transfer requests. There have been five suicides and at least one killing attributed to payment demands from the CSA.

Raid gun fell in lap of cashier

A BANK security screen, activated by an alarm button, knocked an imitation gun out of a raider's hand into the lap of a cashier, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

The gunman had threatened the woman cashier: "I'll blow you to pieces." A colleague pressed the hidden button controlling the metal screen.

Brian Argyle, for the prosecution, said that the robber, Winston Eubank, ran outside. But his bad luck was not over.

A bank employee had noticed the getaway car waiting outside and became suspicious when the driver began revving the engine as Eubank ran out of the building.

Mr Argyle said the witness made a mental note of the registration number and told police when they arrived at the Abbey National branch in Stepney, east London.

Minutes later, Eubank and the driver, his brother-in-law, Fitzroy Holness, 31, were allegedly cornered by police in Mile End Road.

Eubank, of New Cross, southeast London, admitted robbery with an imitation firearm. Mr Holness of Bromley, Kent, denied the same charge.

The trial continues.

Boys die as bikes crash head-on

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO schoolboy friends died after their off-road motorcycles collided head-on as they rode to meet each other on a farm track. Police believe they were riding after dark without lights.

Oliver Sutton, 14, and Jody Sharp, 16, were found a quarter of a mile from the nearest road at Aston Abbotts in Buckinghamshire. Jody had left his home on the farm to meet his friend at an isolated field to ride their Honda 125R motocross machines.

Janice Sharp, Jody's mother, said: "He hit his best friend and they died together. The great love of his life was the countryside. He was a good boy, a lovely boy. We are all devastated."

It is believed the boys were wearing crash helmets at the time, although both helmets were lying on the ground when police and ambulance crews arrived.

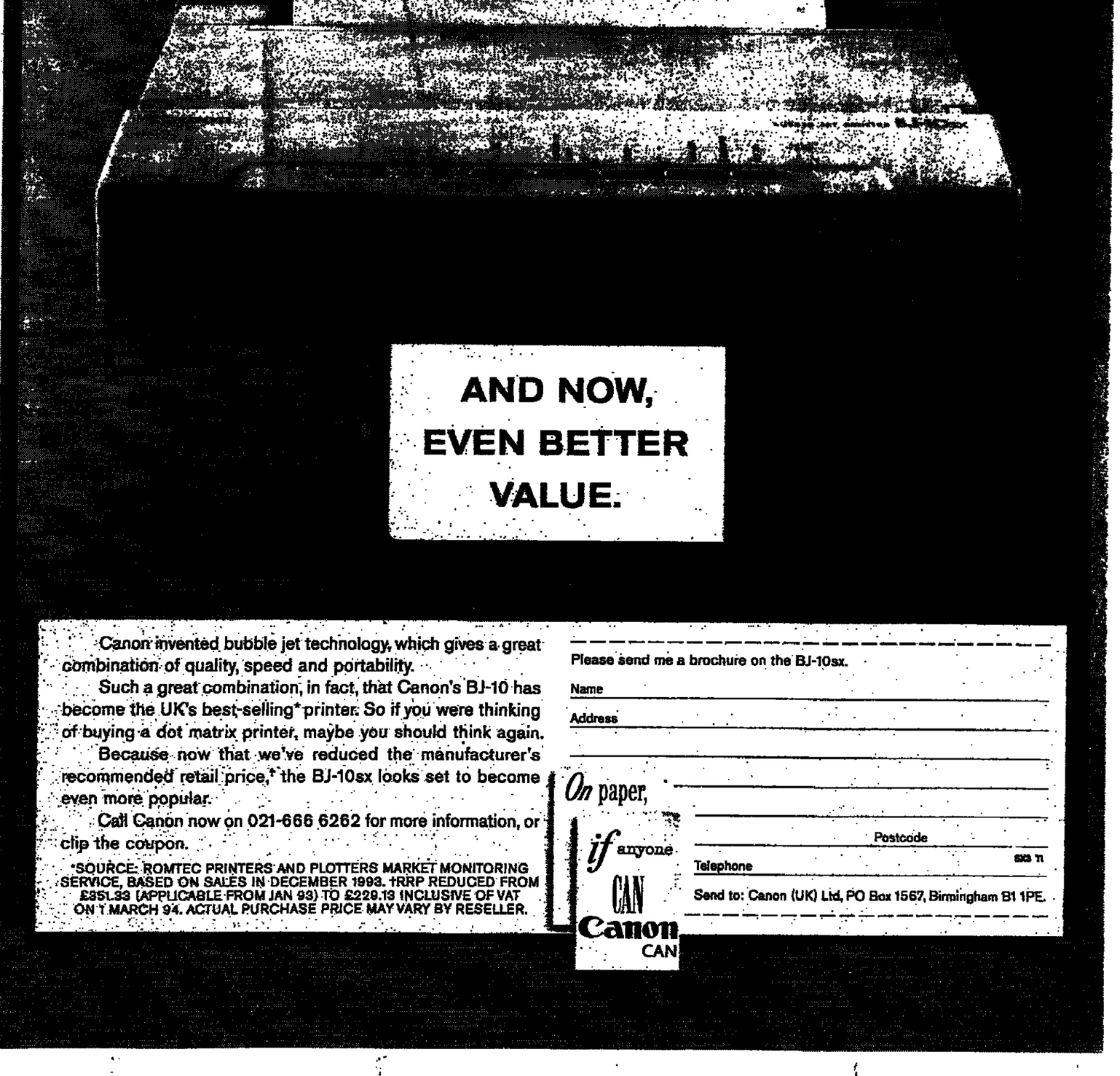
PC Dave Ramsay said it appeared both boys had been riding the bikes in the dark and without lights. "All the evidence seems to point to the fact that they crashed into each other head-on.

"We know they went out at about 7pm on Saturday and were found at about 8.30pm. Jody was lying dead on the track and his pal Oliver was unconscious with very severe head injuries."

He was taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury and put on a life support machine. His parents decided that the machine should be switched off on Sunday night.

PC Ramsay said that the two boys lived a short distance from each other and had been very close friends. The deaths had come as a double tragedy to both sets of parents, who were feeling the loss of the boys "as though they were all one family".

An inquest is expected to be opened and adjourned next week, when evidence of identification will be given.



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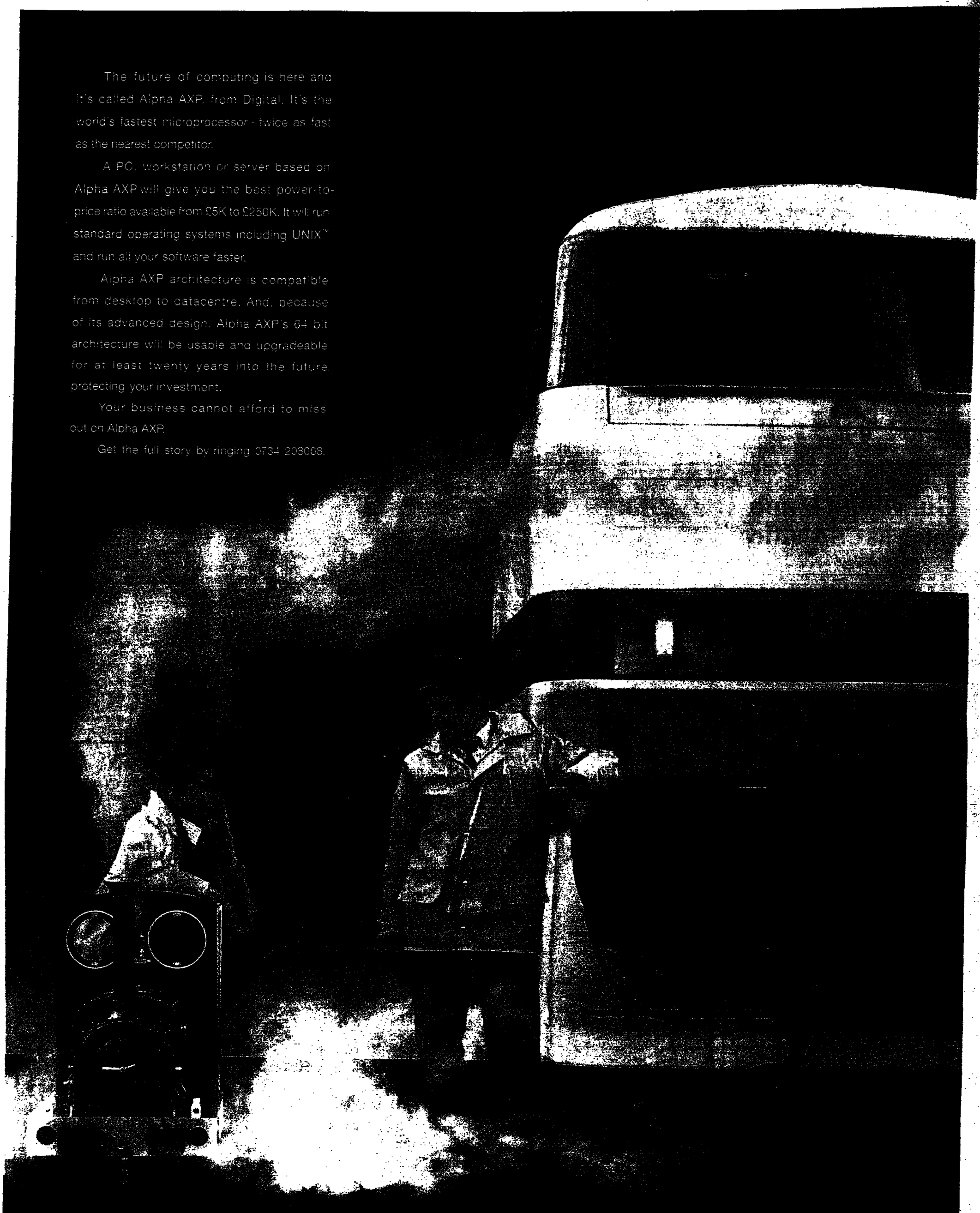
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South Wales police warn of cash threat to law and order

BY IAN MURRAY

■ The Glamorgan force is hoping to fend off an austerity programme and loosen the Government's purse strings

JOHN Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, will be warned that law and order in Glamorgan will be seriously undermined if he does not find more money for the cash-strapped South Wales police force.

He has agreed to hear a last-minute plea for more money from the police authority, which overspent by £2.8 million in the current financial year and wants to spend £13.89 million more than its approved budget for next year.

Under threats of capping on the three Glamorgan authorities who provide its funds, Robert Lawrence, the Chief Constable, has been ordered to draw up an austerity programme.

Criticised by the district auditor for mismanagement, which cost more than £2 million last year, the authority has also been attacked for deciding to add to its overheads by setting up a mounted police force.

It said last year that it could not afford to provide security for royal visits and although it recently turned out to protect the Prince of Wales during his last visit to the area, senior officers are known to be unhappy about the cost of further royal tours.

An angry meeting of the 39-member authority in Bridgend agreed yesterday to postpone a decision on the chief constable's austerity plan until after the meeting with Mr Redwood.

They will meet again on March 31, only hours before they are required to take a decision, in order to work out the final shape of their budget.

"The delegation must make it abundantly clear to the Secretary of State that we are very unhappy at the way he and the Home Secretary have treated us," said Ron Jones, the authority chairman. "I am appalled at their behaviour.

"They say it is not a problem of the police but of the police authority. I say it is not a problem of the police authority but of the Government.

"I keep hearing ministers say that we have had the money and it is our fault. We have not had the money. People should be banging on their door and asking them what they have done with it."

The chief constable's plan suggests ways in which £8.75 million could be saved from a proposed budget of £144.32 million, but even with the savings he has found, the force will still be £1.71 million over its permitted budget and will still owe £2.8 million from the current year.

However Lyn Jones, the treasurer, said that only £700,000 of the overspend was controllable and the authority should be praised for having finished with a budget less than one per cent over the amount it was supposed to spend.

He hoped Mr Redwood would be suitably impressed and loosen the Government's purse strings.

If the Welsh Secretary does not agree, the force faces radical cuts, including a freeze on recruitment, the closure of 21 small police stations, an end to training and overtime and the removal of 40 police vehicles from the road.

"The overall impact of the measures is likely to have an adverse effect on the force detection rate and the general level of policing," the chief constable said.

Doug McDonald, a former authority chairman, said that, given all the efforts being made, it was outrageous that the authority was accused of failing in its duties.

He said: "I am sick and tired of being ridiculed. Our efforts are very credible for an authority which is strapped for cash.

"We have done all we can to bring the budget back into line."

JAMES MORGAN



Peter Allen, a former political correspondent, will present the breakfast show

Bandwagon rolls at Radio 5 Live with £14,000 prize

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN million households in Britain will this week receive leaflets advertising the BBC's new 24-hour radio station, Radio 5 Live, in one of the corporation's most ambitious publicity drives.

In an unashamedly commercial venture, the promotion will offer listeners the chance to win a Vauxhall Frontera car worth £14,000 or a holiday in New York to watch the World Cup finals.

The £1 million campaign will also include a series of billboard posters featuring the character of "Mike", a roving microphone, which embodies the station's aim of providing news coverage that reaches into every corner of British life. The posters' slogan, "No one gets closer to news and sport than Mike", will appear on buses and in press advertisements.

Jenny Abramsky, controller of Radio 5 Live, said BBC television and radio will run trailers for the network ahead of its launch on March 28. She said: "I don't think anyone can accuse us of not telling the world Radio 5 Live is going to happen. Our research shows that 22 per cent of people are already aware of it."

A BBC spokeswoman said: "We want to reach young people, especially in the metropolitan areas outside of London, who are interested in sport and news."

Mike Lewis, deputy controller of Radio 5 Live, said the station would be more vibrant than Radio 4, the BBC's existing speech-based station. "It will take a lot of risks and go straight into news stories, live, as they are happening," he said.

The station's flagship breakfast programme will be presented by Peter Allen, a former ITN political correspondent. There will be half-hourly news and sports bulletins, current affairs magazine programmes and live sports coverage.

The new station is also launching a number of leisure shows, including *Dirty Tackle*, the first national programme on angling, and *The Big Byte*, for computer users.

The network, which has an annual budget of £30.2 million and has been launched in four and a half months, aims to build on Radio 5's audience of three million on 693m and 909m medium wave.



Abramsky: telling the world about new station

Boy injured at birth gains £1.3m

A BOY aged five who has cerebral palsy after hospital negligence at his birth was awarded £1.3 million agreed damages yesterday by the High Court.

The court was told Jan Leszkiewicz had a keen intelligence trapped inside a helpless body. James Badenoch QC, his counsel, said life for Jan, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, would always be a "herculean struggle against enormous odds". He cannot stand unaided and has virtually no speech.

Mr Badenoch said staff at St Paul's Maternity Hospital, Cheltenham, did not respond to signs of foetal distress or carry out an emergency forceps delivery.

The boy's parents would, once they received the damages, repay money received from a charity fund started by people in Cheltenham. The award was made against Cheltenham and District Health Authority.

Millions baffled by the simplest of sums

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT million people struggle with straightforward sums and have only a limited grasp of reading and writing, according to a report published yesterday.

The study by the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit of more than 1,650 adults aged 21 found that almost 20 per cent failed to reach the standards expected of a typical 13-year-old.

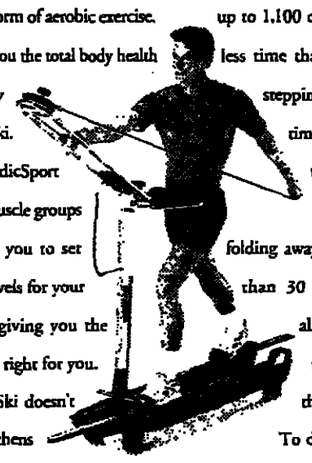
The finding has forced the unit to increase by one-third its estimate of the number of people lacking basic skills. Previous research found that 12 per cent of the workforce, six million adults, admitted that they had difficulties.

Alan Wells, director of the unit, said the report highlighted the widening gap between the skills of people in work and those left to chase a declining number of manual posts. "We do not have millions of people who are classically illiterate," he said. "But we do have a substantial group whose skills have not kept pace with those needed for jobs or for life in general."

Yesterday's report, *The Basic Skills of Young Adults*, found that people with poor skills were more likely to be unemployed, or if they found a job, to be in work for shorter periods. They was also a strong link between the generations, with the children of parents who struggled with mathematics and reading more likely to have problems themselves.

Tim Boswell, minister for higher and further education, said the results were disturbing and underlined the need for national testing in schools. "Without tests teachers cannot diagnose pupils' strengths and weaknesses at an early stage," he said. "It is through testing that we can be sure that we are raising standards. This is the only way we are going to avoid producing a lost generation of young people with unfulfilled potential."

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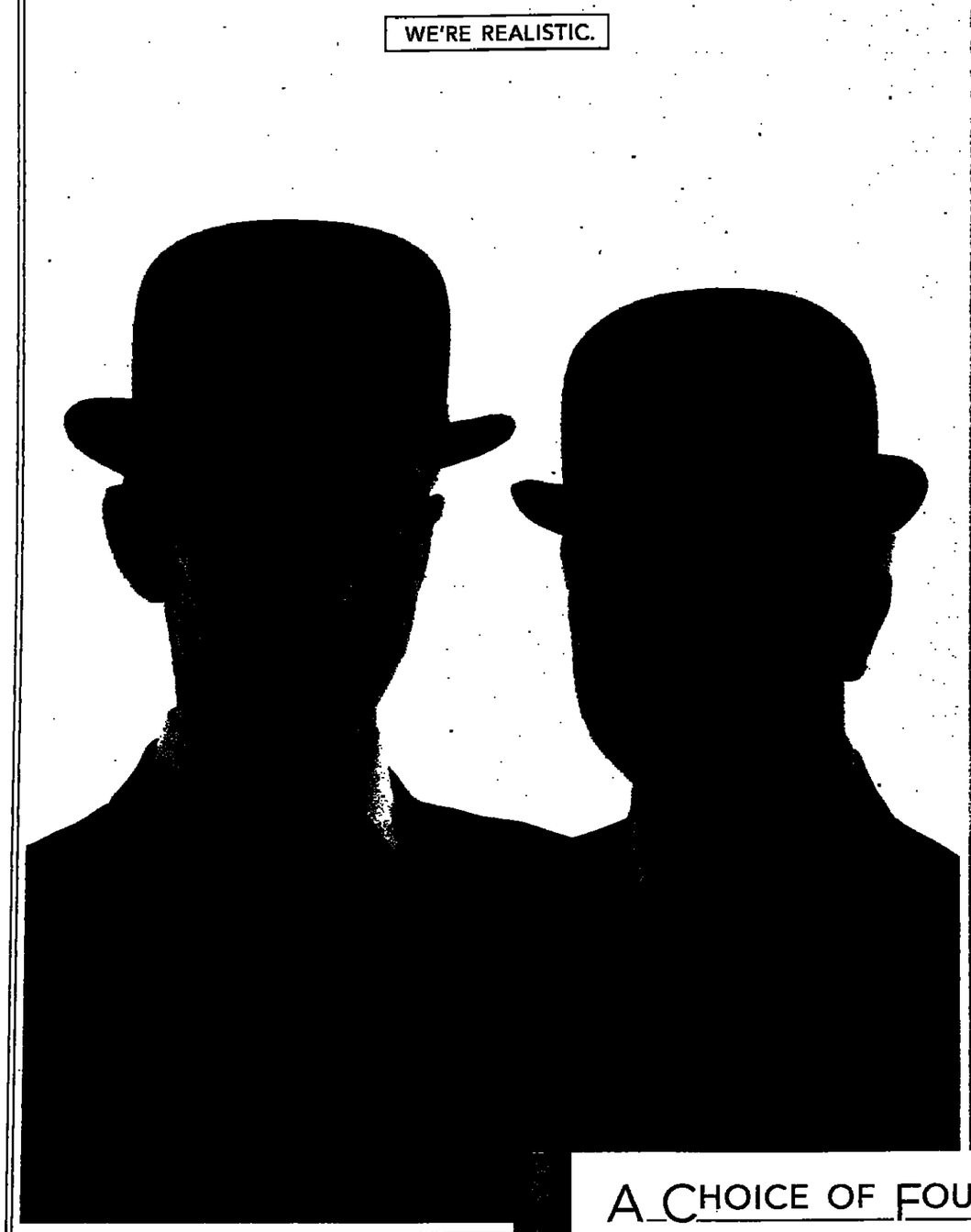
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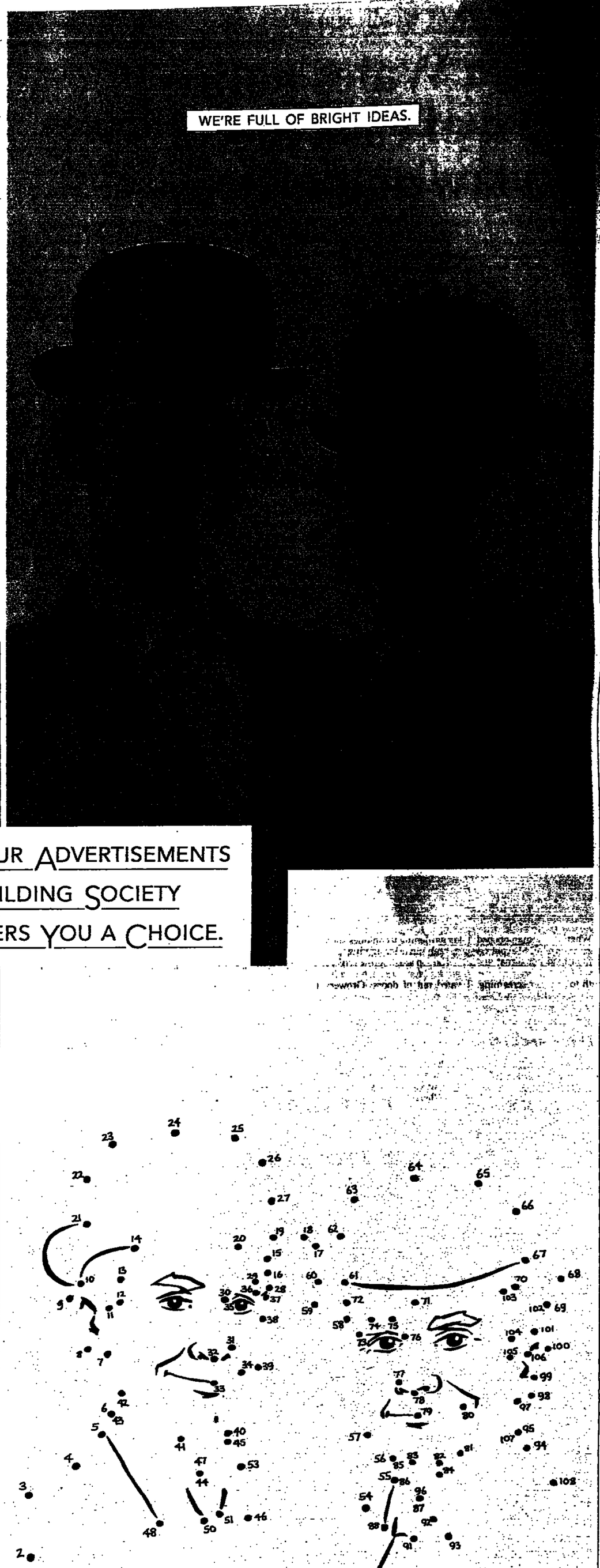
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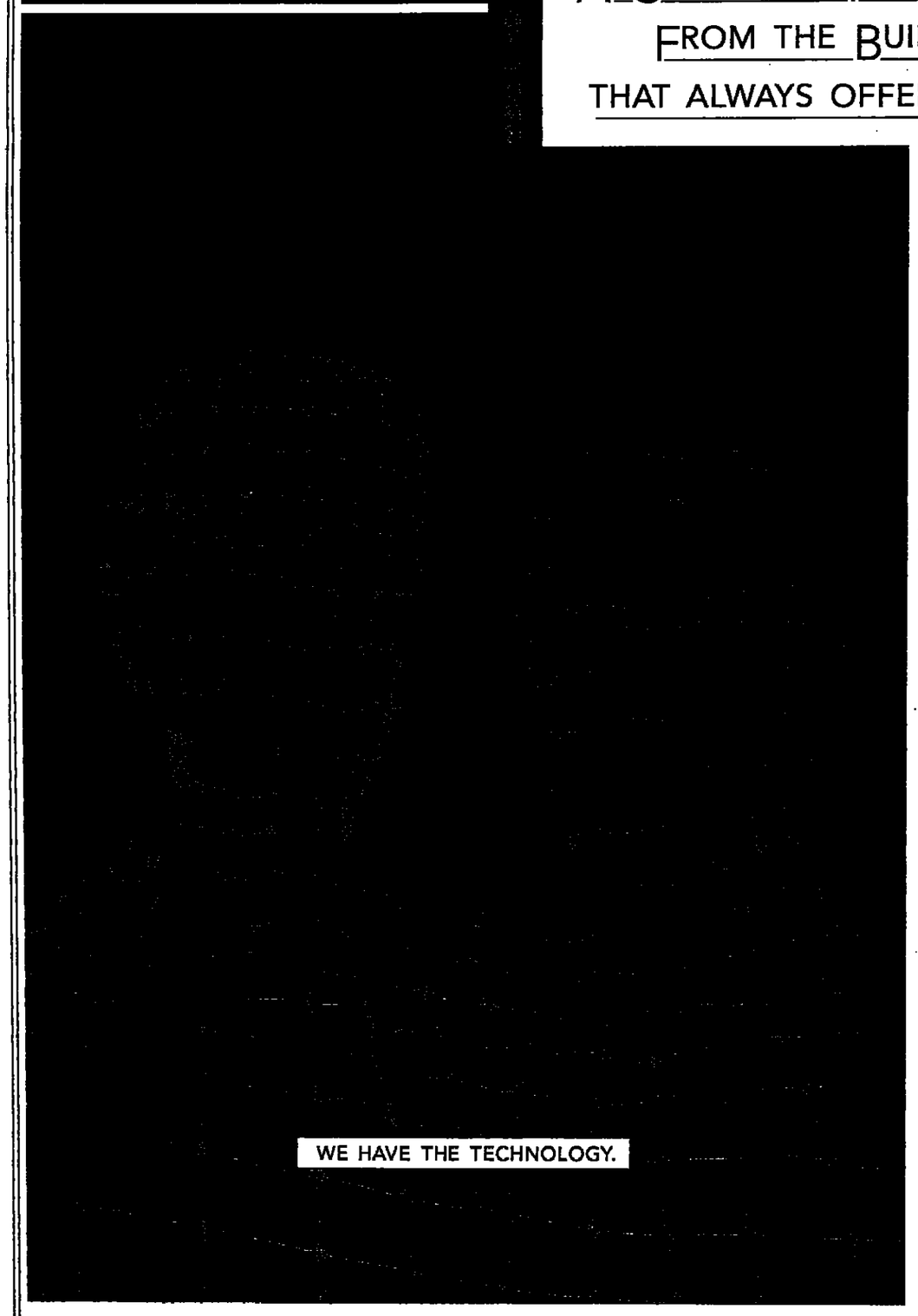
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Son blames insurance house for death of Korean War veteran in fume-filled Volvo

Ever-rising Lloyd's losses drove sea lord to suicide

BY LIN JENKINS

ADMIRAL Sir Richard Fitch, the former second sea lord, took his own life after becoming ill with the worry of his mounting debts to the Lloyd's insurance market, an inquest was told yesterday.

His son Richard, 21, said after the hearing that the prospect of losing his house, having already sold his yacht to help pay £300,000 over the past three years, weighed heavily on his father.

Mr Fitch said: "The facts speak for themselves. I think that most people would agree that his death was caused by Lloyd's. He had been ill recently, but that had been brought on by Lloyd's."

Lady Fitch told the hearing at Chichester how she found her husband in his fume-filled Volvo car when she returned to their home at Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex, last month. A hosepipe led from the exhaust to the car.

She said her husband had suffered from clinical depression for the past three years. "But it was being watched by a doctor," she said.

"He worried quite a lot at times, sometimes irrationally. But we always managed to calm him down." Asked if he ever spoke about taking his own life, Lady Fitch replied: "Oh no, that would be absolutely out of character."

Mark Calvert-Lee, the West Sussex coroner, recording a verdict that Sir Richard killed himself, said: "It would be unrealistic to believe this was a tragic accident. It may have been an entirely transient spur of the moment decision, and one quite foreign to his general nature. There must have been several occasions in his life when he faced difficult situations bravely and sensibly, but unfortunately on this occasion he felt unable to act in this way."

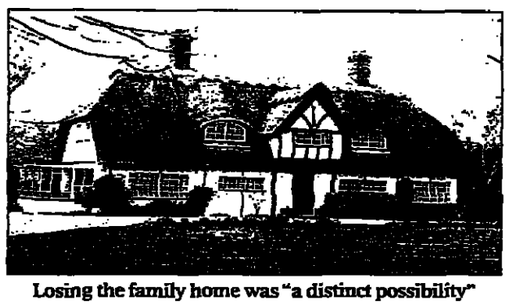
A Lloyd's name for several years, Sir Richard, 64, was a member of two syndicates hit by losses on the insurance market. His son said the recent losses had outweighed any profits in the past.

"My father had paid out three lots of £100,000 since 1991 and the losses were expected to continue. Things were reaching crisis point and losing the house was a distinct possibility," said Mr Fitch, who is studying religion at Edinburgh University.

"Lloyd's was an outdated institution waiting for a disaster to happen and people are now having to suffer because of it. There seems to be to be an amateurish air around Lloyd's that does not inspire confidence. It now seems to be going through the painful process of reform.

"Its hardship committee was greeted with suspicion and people think of it as a debt collecting agency for Lloyd's."

Sir Richard was a veteran of the Korean War and, during the Falklands conflict, was in charge of the appointment and promotion of Naval officers. He retired in 1988 and served as president of the local Conservative Association.



Losing the family home was "a distinct possibility"



Admiral Sir Richard Fitch suffered from clinical depression for three years

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Guest jailed after hotel stabbing

A furious businessman who had locked himself out of his hotel room savagely attacked a receptionist who came to his aid, Cardiff Crown Court was told.

Fergus Mill, 45, of Kirriemuir, Tayside, was jailed for seven years for stabbing the 23-year-old woman up to 20 times with a pipe-smoker's skewer. She managed to escape and was taken to hospital with two collapsed lungs.

Roger Thomas, for the prosecution, said Mill had been drinking heavily in the bar of the Sandringham Hotel, Cardiff. When the woman opened his bedroom door, Mill put his hands around her throat and forced his fingers in her mouth to stop her screaming. He said police later found Mill barracaded inside his room after taking a drugs overdose.

Driver sacked

An industrial tribunal in London heard that Mohammad Ashrif Din, 29, a bus driver who was attacked four times in three years, was sacked by the East London Bus and Coach Company after the last attack when he was beaten, kicked and stabbed. The hearing continues.

Rail death

A van driver was killed when his vehicle was struck by a passenger train on a level crossing at Llandre, Wales. The driver died instantly as the van was pushed 20 yards into a children's playground alongside the track.

Office theft

Jacqueline Farrar, 49, of Lightcliffe, West Yorkshire, was jailed for 18 months by Bradford Crown Court for stealing almost £50,000 while she was financial controller at *IMI Air Conditioning*.

Raider tells all

Peter Walsh, 44, of Wirral, Merseyside, was jailed for four years after confessing to 18 armed robberies over a period of 17 years when his conscience began troubling him.

Cows destroyed

Thirteen cattle on the Prince of Wales's Highgrove estate have been destroyed after Agriculture Ministry vets discovered early signs of the highly infectious bovine turberculosis.

Aid stolen

A white transit van loaded with goods destined for children in the former Yugoslavia has been stolen in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Drug police fear rise in DIY cannabis

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POTENT home-grown variety of cannabis is making rapid inroads into the underground drugs market, according to the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS).

The NCIS annual drugs survey, issued yesterday, reports that 20 production sites for "skunk" were found in Britain last year, mainly in Wales. Police discovered anything from a hundred to a thousand plants being grown in basements and garages, using hydroponics and market gardening techniques such as high intensity lighting.

The plants grow more quickly than cannabis cultivated out of doors. Growers can produce cannabis worth £2,500 to £4,000 from a metre of cultivated plants. The conditions give the plants very high concentrations of THC, the active chemical, which produces effects similar to LSD.

Stuart Wesley, director of the drugs division at NCIS, said there was concern at the increasing appearance of skunk. In Holland, skunk plants supply 20 to 50 per cent of cannabis consumed in coffee houses and are said to be second only to tulip cultivation in Dutch agriculture.

Skunk is part of an intensifying drugs scene. Police are making record seizures of amphetamines, and 31 murders or attempted murders in London last year were linked to crack cocaine. There are also fears that steroid abuse is growing. The Home Office is considering whether steroid drugs should be controlled by misuse of drugs legislation.

Det Chief Supt Tony White, head of the NCIS drugs policy unit, said that there was evidence of steroid users starting to mix with the main drugs underworld. One research project into needle exchange programmes had shown steroid users accounted for 28 per cent of the clients.

The NCIS figures show that cannabis remains the most popular drug and last year 58,000 kilograms were seized. Amphetamines are the second favourite and in 1993 seizures rose by 65 per cent to 995kg. Police also found 18 illicit amphetamine laboratories.

The survey reports that crack cocaine is appearing more frequently outside London and makes up half of all cocaine seizures, which last year fell by 70 per cent from 2,250kg in 1992 to 750: the high 1992 figure was caused by two very large seizures. Discoveries of heroin rose by 88 per cent to 120kg.

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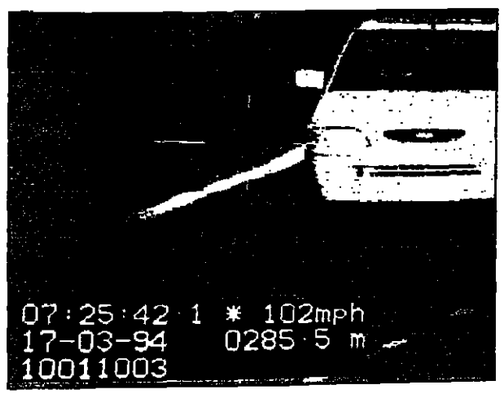
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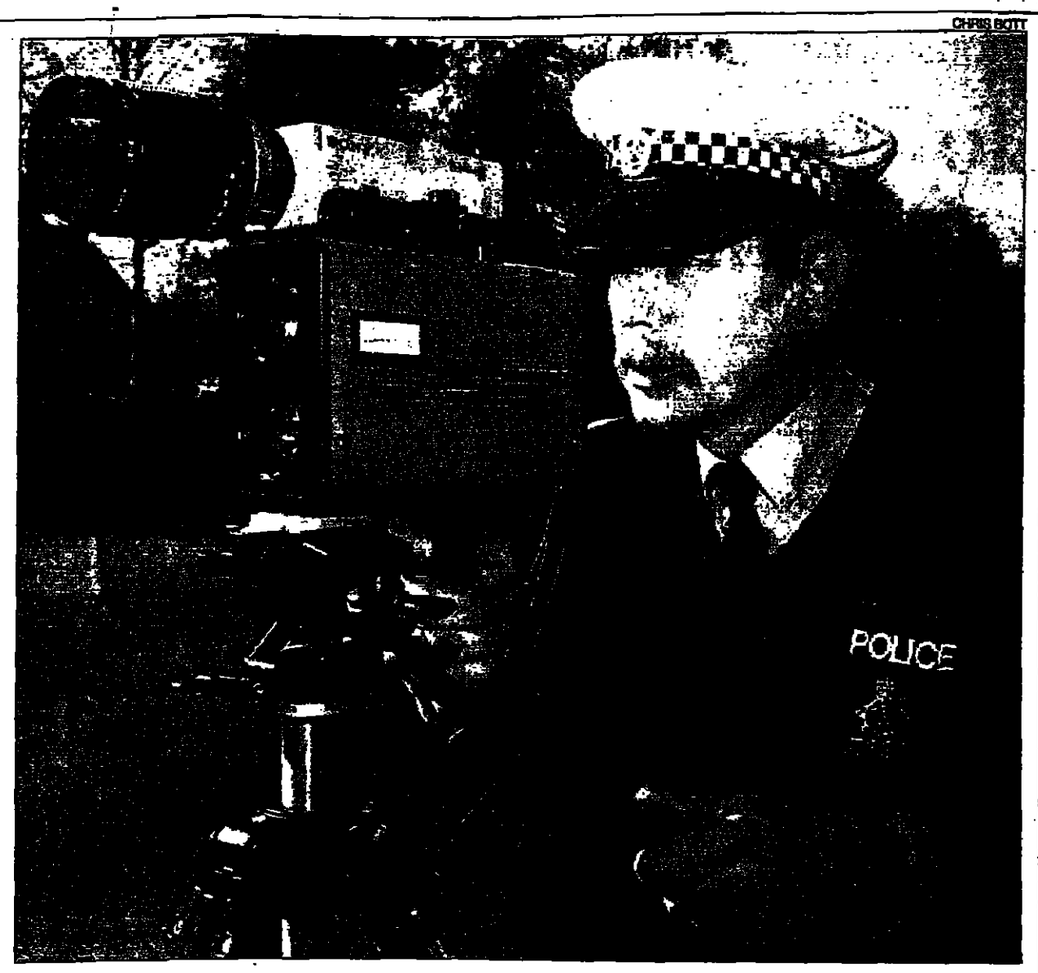


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Police unveil laser in war on speeding

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Supt Martin Spearman, head of Kent traffic department, said: "The equipment costs £14,000, but on average an accident costs £45,000 and a fatal accident £750,000, so this must be seen as being extremely cost-effective.

"We shall not be using the camera at random to fill Treasury coffers, but concentrating our attention on locations that have a history of bad accidents.

"With 124 people killed and 8,000 injured on Kent roads last year, we wanted something versatile and efficient for our first step into camera technology and this seems to be it." The camera was approved for police use five months ago.

One in four used cars sold privately is a write-off

BY TONY DAWE

THOUSANDS of motorists who buy second-hand cars could be driving deathtraps, according to a vehicle tracking agency.

Cars that have been wrecked in accidents are finding their way back on to the road in increasing numbers. One in four cars sold privately had been an insurance write-off, figures from HPI Autodata, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, suggest.

The proportion is much greater than the number of written-off cars offered for sale to motor dealers, confirming that those who repair badly damaged cars prefer to try to sell them privately.

The figures have prompted calls from motoring organisations for tighter controls to protect unwary car buyers, including the introduction of a "death certificate" for cars written off by the insurance companies as uneconomic to repair.

The campaign is being taken up in the House of Lords where many members hope to force the Government to change a law which Lord Clinton-Davis, a former trade minister, described as "grossly inadequate". Ministers have refused to consider new legislation, insisting that many written-off cars can be repaired safely and that the present law making it an offence to sell unroadworthy vehicles is adequate.

They have failed to act despite longstanding concern over "ringers", stolen cars that are given a new identity with the registration documents of written-off vehicles.

The new figures from HPI showing the increasing number of badly damaged cars being put back on the road without any indication of their past history is providing a fresh impetus to the campaign for changes in the law.

The company has been offering its service to private motorists for only nine months, but the early results from 35,000 enquiries tally with the findings of a trial run in the North East of England.

HPI, which has conducted a similar service for motor dealers for 60 years, also reports an increasing number of write-offs among the cars it has checked on their behalf. The proportion rose to one in 19 during the final three months of last year, compared with one in 28 a year ago.

"Members of the public are more at risk of buying a written-off car privately than from a dealer," Nicki Websper, HPI marketing manager, said.

"People think they can spot a written-off car and judge whether the seller is honest, but it's not that easy."

Chris Warwick, manager of AA Technical Services, said: "Each day, AA vehicle engineers inspect cars so badly damaged and poorly repaired that they should never be put back on the road. It is obvious that present controls are totally inadequate."

The organisation wants to see the term "write-off" dropped and cars which have been involved in a serious accident classified as either "fit for scrap" or "damage repairable". Mr Warwick said: "That information should be recorded on the vehicle registration document so that if the car is later offered for sale the potential buyer would know that he should have its condition checked before parting with any money."

Stolen vehicles and cars still subject to loans are being offered for sale in addition to the increasing number of write-offs, according to HPI.

The company can call on a vast database to answer queries from 18,000 motor dealers and, since July last year, from members of the public about cars they are offered.

It receives information about stolen cars direct from the Police National Computer, about hire purchase and leasing deals from 1,100 finance companies, and "write-offs" from the Association of British Insurers.

It is also able to check every car registered with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency since August 1986. Nicki Websper, HPI's marketing manager, said: "The registration number is becoming less reliable as proof of a vehicle's identity.

"With the boom in personalised plates, registration numbers are often being changed altering the history of a car. We can identify cars which have had their plates changed and can also check whether the colour, transmission and fuel type match those recorded with the DVLA." More than 200,000 of the one million cars checked by HPI in the final quarter of last year were subject to outstanding financial agreements and 4,000 were registered as stolen.

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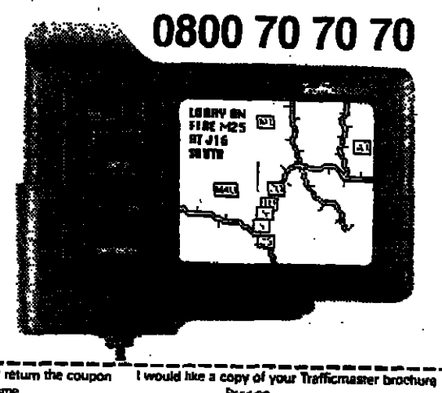
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Immigrants slash wrists after a year in prison

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DESPERATE immigrants held at Pentonville prison for up to a year have slashed themselves with razors, Judge Tumim reported today.

The chief inspector of prisons said that some of the 66 unconvicted detainees in the London jail had cut their wrists or bodies because they were distraught at their treatment and the time taken to deal with their cases. He called urgently for the Home Office's immigration service to move the detainees out of the prison.

"As a group they gave the impression of being distressed, despondent and in some cases desperate," the judge said. "We have grave reservations about the appropriateness of holding such inmates in a busy local prison.

"Our overriding view was that Pentonville was an inappropriate place. It had neither the space nor the facilities to cope with them properly and detainees resented the stigma of prison."

The prison's board of visitors has expressed concern.

The detainees include people seeking political asylum, illegal entrants, men who have overstayed their permitted period, people working without permits, those whose visas have expired and inmates awaiting deportation after serving sentences.

Those held at Pentonville instead of immigration service detention centres are considered exceptional security risks, have health problems or need to be near central London while their cases are being dealt with.

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> JUDGE TUMIM



After protests by the board of visitors, immigration officials began holding weekly "surgeries" in the prison two years ago. The prison inspection team found the officials on duty often had little idea of the cases they were dealing with and changed each week, so that the detainees grew even more frustrated.

Prison staff found the detainees highly volatile. The governor in charge of the wing holding them with other prisoners spent 80 per cent of his time dealing with them.

The stay in the prison can last from five days to 12 months. Asylum seekers face particularly long waits while their cases are considered.

Prison staff felt the detainees suffered from lack of legal advice and representation. On Pentonville itself, Judge Tumim said it was an antiquated prison that had changed little since it was built in 1884 and an air of neglect hung over parts of it. Restraint techniques, including handcuffs and arm restraints, might be used more than necessary.

The health unit was run down, cramped, dirty and unfit for prisoners. There was concern about the leadership of health care in the prison. It was also surprising that race relations were not given a higher priority by the managers in a prison where 45 per cent of the inmates came from minority ethnic backgrounds.

Despite the bleak conditions, staff and inmates were cheerful and worked together, Judge Tumim's report said.

A spokesman for the Home Office's immigration department said: "We accept prison is an unsuitable place for detainees and we endeavour to keep its use to a minimum."

The prison department said the report praised the working relationship between staff and prisoners. Since the inspection improvements were being made.



JAMES MORGAN

Jim and Linda Telfer yesterday with their sons Alex, one, and Robbie, four

Cot death couple win family award

A COUPLE who set up a counselling and support unit after their first child became a victim of cot death were named Family of the Year yesterday.

Jim and Linda Telfer helped to set up the unit after their son, Cameron, died five years ago aged three months. Mr Telfer, 37, of Margate, Kent, said: "We were given no reason and we still do not know why he died. You never really know."

Mrs Telfer, a teacher of dyslexic children, said that since 1989 the number of cot deaths had fallen from seven a day to about seven a week, due to greater awareness of the risks to babies, for instance from being put to sleep on their stomachs.

The Telfers and their two children, aged four and one, received their award at a ceremony in a Park Lane hotel in London organised by the marriage guidance charity Relate and sponsored by Barclays Life. The award includes a trip to Euro Disney.

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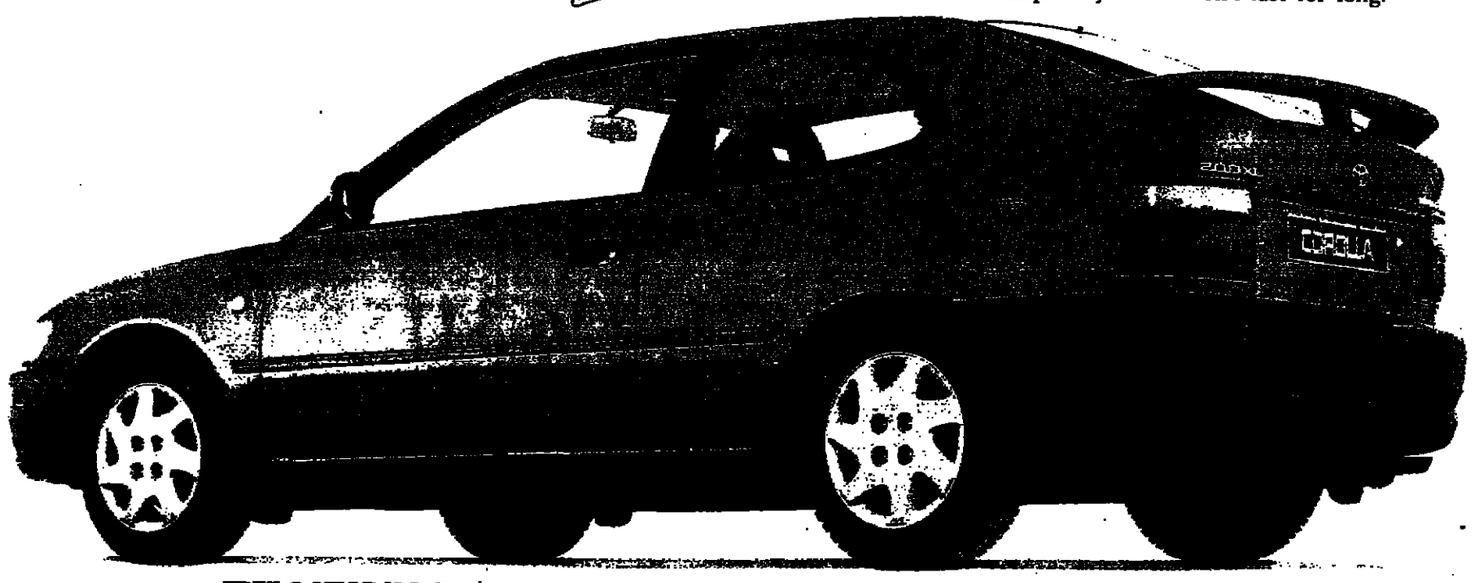
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Book solves riddle of The Piano's lost chords

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

IT WAS known as the film which divided dinner parties. Now, every mystery contained in *The Piano*, a current box office hit in Britain, will be solved in a novel.

The tale follows Ada McGrath and her beloved piano, shipped to the world's end for an arranged marriage. But it was the film's baffling anomalies that attracted most interest.

Why, for instance, was Ada, played by Holly Hunter, mute? And why did she send a love message to Harvey Keitel's character if she knew he could not read?

Jane Campion, director of the film, has silenced the pundits. Her novelisation of *The Piano*, co-written with Kate Pullinger, solves the riddles. It discloses that Ada stopped talking aged six, after a traumatic punishment by her father, who forbade her to talk for an evening and, partly to spite him, she refused to speak again. George Baines (Harvey Keitel) takes the message of love, inscribed on the side of a piano key, to a schoolroom where a group of girls reads it for him.

The novel, published by Bloomsbury next month, is part of an increasing trend in film and television tie-in books. Seven of the current 15 paperback best-sellers are tie-ins, with *Schindler's List* at number two.

But novelisations which fill in gaps left by films are the new publishing fashion. The paperback version of *Philadelphia*, starring Tom Hanks, adds new chapters in the life of its lawyer heroes, and is moving up the best-seller lists.

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Confused? Phone for a scientific solution

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A TELEPHONE answering service, launched yesterday, will allow members of the public with a scientific query to seek illumination for the price of a local call.

Science Line was inaugurated by David Davis, a junior science minister, as part of National Science Week. Mr Davis satisfied his own curiosity about gene therapy by putting a series of searching questions down the line to Prof Bob Williamson, of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

Science Line is funded by the Wellcome Trust, the Royal Society and the Office of Science and Technology and will be open daily between 1pm and 7pm. Most callers who dial 0345 600444 will be answered directly by a small team of science graduates.

Questions that the graduates cannot answer directly will be referred upwards to members of a panel of 200 experts, including Prof Williamson, who have promised to ring the caller back with the correct information. Tests of Science Line, carried out after Channel 4 television programmes, have already proved hugely popular, with thousands of people calling in for answers.

Those responsible for Science Line expect fewer callers on a day-to-day basis, but Dr Laurence Smaje of the Wellcome Trust believes the service will satisfy a long-felt need. "So often, scientists determine what the public should be told," he said yesterday. "In Science Line, the public will set the agenda, and ask the questions they want answered. The pilot studies have shown that 60 per cent of those who phoned were satisfied with the answers given."

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

A Latvian in Linares

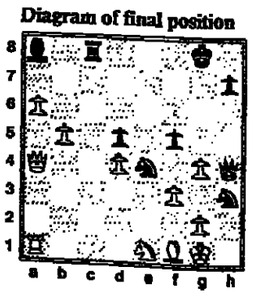
The young Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov enhanced his reputation at Linares with a fine score of 8.5 from 13, finishing equal second with Garry Kasparov. The following game sees him refuting an over-optimistic piece sacrifice by his Bulgarian opponent.

White: Veselin Topalov
Black: Alexei Shirov
Linares, March 1994
Modern Defence

1	e4	g6
2	d4	Bg7
3	Nc3	c6
4	Nf3	d5
5	h3	Nh6
6	Bf4	f6
7	Be2	Nf7
8	Bh2	0-0
9	0-0	b6
10	Re1	Bb7
11	Bf1	Nd7
12	a4	a6
13	a5	b5
14	exd5	cxd5
15	Re6	Rc8
16	Nxb5	axb5
17	Bxb5	f5
18	Qe2	Nf6
19	a8	Ba8
20	Rxe7	Rxc2
21	Qxc2	Qxe7
22	Qa4	Qa6
23	b4	Ne4
24	Bf1	g5
25	b5	g4
26	Ne1	Qb6
27	Nc2	Rc8
28	Bf4	Bh6
29	Bxh6	Qxh6
30	hxg4	Qd2
31	f3	Qf2+
32	Kh2	Nfg5
33	Ne1	Qh4+
34	Kg1	Nh3+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Chess for charity

Nigel Short is giving a simultaneous chess display at Simpson's-in-the-Strand on Sunday afternoon in aid of the Sick Children's Trust. For further information, or if you want to play, please call Simpson's on 071 836 9112.

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Arms trial prosecutor 'kept in dark'

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE prosecuting counsel in the Matrix Churchill trial said yesterday that he would have abandoned the case had the full extent of government knowledge and complicity in the arms export trade to Iraq been made known to him at the time.

Alan Moses QC, who prosecuted the case on behalf of Customs and Excise, effectively lays the blame for the trial at the door of Alan Clark, the former trade and defence minister, and senior civil servants at the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Cabinet Office, for failing to co-operate fully with the prosecution.

Mr Moses told Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair that he was never informed about intelligence reports, which were distributed to key Whitehall departments, warning that the company's equipment would be used to make fuses, shells and cluster bombs.

He also said he was never made aware that the witness statement made for the prosecution by Mr Clark was considered to be wholly unreliable by senior Whitehall officials, including Sir Peter Gregson, the permanent secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry.

During one angry outburst, Mr Moses said that he found it extremely disturbing that Whitehall officials had failed to warn the prosecution that export licences had been granted despite knowledge or suspicions that the equipment was destined for Iraqi armaments factories.

Mr Moses, who arrived at the enquiry armed with seven boxes of documents on the case, said that it was incumbent on ministers and officials to come clean about exactly how much they knew. They should have said: "The position about all this equipment was that we knew as near as dammit it was going for military production. I can't understand why the departments weren't saying 'we did know'," he added.



Clark: blamed for letting trial proceed



Moses: would have dropped arms case

Responding to questions about an intelligence report by GCHQ, the Government's listening post, linking Matrix Churchill to Iraqi arms procurement, Mr Moses said: "It seems to me to be the clearest possible indication of knowledge. I can't understand why on earth I didn't know about this, and I don't think I could have gone on with the prosecution if I had."

Mr Moses singled out Mr Clark for failing to make clear in his witness statement that he may have encouraged the Matrix Churchill executives to disguise the real purpose of their equipment when applying for export licences during a meeting with the Machine Tool Manufacturers Association in January 1988. Insisting that he was not a "boot-putting-in prosecutor", Mr Moses said: "What has always astonished me is that nobody could have had any doubts about the importance of this evidence. You don't sit back and wait and hope it turns out for the best at the trial. There were people there who had worked for years with Mr Clark, who knew exactly the cut of his jib."

Mr Moses said it was very important in this case for civil servants who knew about Mr Clark's views on exports of defence equipment to inform the prosecution that it "just cannot rely on what he is going to say". When Mr Clark finally admitted that he had been "economical with the *actualité*" in November 1992, the trial collapsed.

Whitehall officials also failed to inform the prosecution that Tony Steadman, a trade official who attended the 1988 meeting with the MTTA, had told colleagues that Mr Clark may have given the exporters the impression that it was all right to make false statements on export licence applications. If he had known that, the prosecution could not have continued, Mr Moses said.

Mr Moses also criticised Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, for failing to draw the prosecution's attention to vital evidence held in his official files. He was given access to the papers, which covered Sir Robin's desk, on the Friday before the trial began. "We were just left to get on with it," he said. "What I should have done was to walk out and say I wanted to make it abundantly plain that these were not the circumstances on the last working day before the trial for me to look at anything sensibly," he added.

Mr Moses will be questioned today about why he told the trial judge that 500 pages of confidential Whitehall documents contained nothing of value to the defence, when they were later shown to be vital in proving the innocence of the three Matrix Churchill defendants.

The hearing continues today.

Shephard launches study of suicides

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

A RESEARCH project to find out why so many farmers commit suicide was launched yesterday by the Department of Health.

Despite living in conditions many town-dwellers would find idyllic, farmers have a suicide rate that is nearly twice the national average and are the people most likely to take their own lives after vets, pharmacists and dentists.

Gillian Shephard, the Agriculture Minister, told a conference of farmers, church leaders, doctors and social workers at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire that for too long stress was assumed to afflict only those living in inner cities and suburbs.

"Over the past 20 years there has been a net influx into the countryside of England and Wales of one million people. Over the same period more than 120,000 jobs have disappeared from agriculture as the industry has become more efficient ... We cannot expect that changes of that kind can take place without some stresses and strains on the people involved."

Mrs Shephard said farming incomes had risen by 60 per cent last year, but this was an average figure and for hill farmers the improvement had been from a very low base. Rising rural crime and lack of public transport and other services had added to the strains of rural life.

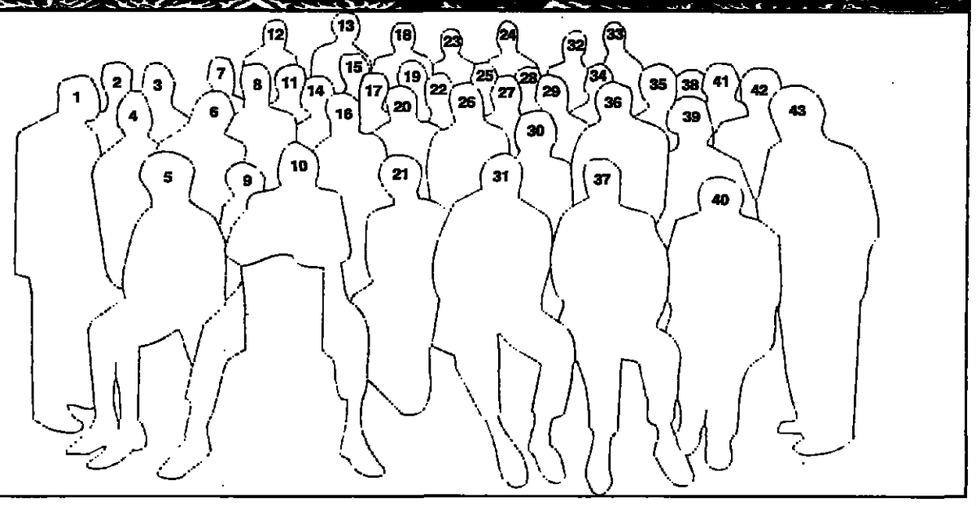
The Duke of Westminster, one of Britain's biggest landowners, who chaired the conference, said isolation and loneliness were most often found among sheep and cattle farmers in remote hill regions, who were also under the greatest financial pressure.

Dr Keith Hawton, a consultant psychiatrist at Oxford University's department of psychiatry, said the two-year study of rural suicides would attempt a "psychological autopsy" of 50 farmers known to have killed themselves or suspected of having done so.

Dr Peter Jones, a senior lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry at the University of London, said 526 male farmers had committed suicide in Britain between 1979 and 1990. Firearms were used in 40 per cent of cases. Farmers accounted for only 1 per cent of all suicides but, relative to their number, they were 1.87 times more likely to take their own lives than the population as a whole.

JOHN LONDEI





FORTY-three Labour peers have served in Labour Governments, among them the Earl of Listowel, who was in the wartime coalition Government in 1944.

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Pro-Europeans help to arm the sceptics

The pro-Europeans in the Cabinet are largely to blame for the mess the Government is in over European enlargement and voting procedures on the council of ministers. Their tactical mishandling has unnecessarily raised the stakes, encouraged the Tory Euro-sceptics and made an eventual compromise more difficult to sell to MPs.

Ever since the passage of the Maastricht Bill, the pro-Europeans have believed that the right way to keep the Conservative Party united is to talk the language of the Euro-sceptics. Hence the Prime Minister's article in *The Economist* six months ago, and David Hunt's ill-judged attack on Jacques Delors at the Tory conference. But these tactics have undermined their own position.

Enlargement raises important issues about the balance of votes between larger and smaller states, to ensure, in Douglas Hurd's words, that the views of member states are not "steamrollered" in discussions. But the point of principle has already been accepted that on single market issues the council should decide on the basis of qualified majority voting. At stake now is the largely arithmetic question of how to adjust for four new members. The proportion of the EU population which can be outvoted is now 40 per cent and would rise to 41.5 per cent if a mechanical uprating of votes occurred.

Mr Hurd yesterday said this proportion was too high for a further increase to

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proceed unchecked and unqualified. But that is a matter for bargaining rather than fighting on the barricades. The Government is right to take a tough stand in the talks: as Mr Hurd said, the European Union is "a non-stop negotiation, with brinkmanship and deal-making in its blood".

But successful negotiations require compromise, as Baroness Thatcher herself often did, both over the European budget and over the Single European Act which extended qualified majority voting. The pro-Europeans have, however, talked in such uncompromising terms as to limit the necessary room for manoeuvre.

In fairness, neither John Major nor Mr Hurd have talked about the present 23-vote blocking minority as an unalterable sticking point. But their tone, and that of the belligerent Kenneth Clarke, has played into the Tory Euro-sceptics' hands and enabled them to treat 23 votes as a non-negotiable demand. So any compromise can be treated by Euro-sceptics as a climbdown or defeat for Britain. They are at least being consistent with their own vision of a looser EU, however incompatible that may in practice be with Britain at the heart of Europe.

But as significant is how the sceptics' views on this issue are shared by a large number of other Tory MPs, even some usually pro-European ones. The Government's tough stand does reflect widespread views. But the leadership has failed to educate the party to the realities of the talks.

The argument is symptomatic of the Government's current impasse over Europe, unable to take a firm line either in a pro-European or a Euro-sceptic direction. As Mr Hurd's speech in Dublin yesterday showed, the Government has ideas about the development of the EU, focusing both on decentralisation and on enlargement to the north and east. But the pressures of party management prevent the Government from being either consistent or coherent.

These ambiguities will continue as the groups battle for influence with, at best, a fragile facade of unity. This ambivalence is unlikely to impress either British voters in the Euro-elections on June 9 or other European countries.

PETER RIDDELL

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Insolvency Bill 'will save jobs'

BY ROBERT MORGAN POLITICAL STAFF

MPs last night rushed through a Bill to change the law on receiverships and thus save thousands of jobs in businesses that run into difficulty.

A recent ruling by the Court of Appeal in the case of Paramount Airways meant that administrators and receivers had only 14 days in which to rescue a collapsed business before they were forced to take on liability for employment contracts.

Receivers would be reluctant to take on such work if they were faced with considerable liabilities after only 14 days.

Commending the Insolvency (No 2) Bill to the Commons, Neil Hamilton, the Corporate Affairs Minister, said it was in no one's interest for businesses to be closed and jobs lost.

The measure, which amends the 1986 Insolvency Act, affects cases arising on or after last Tuesday.

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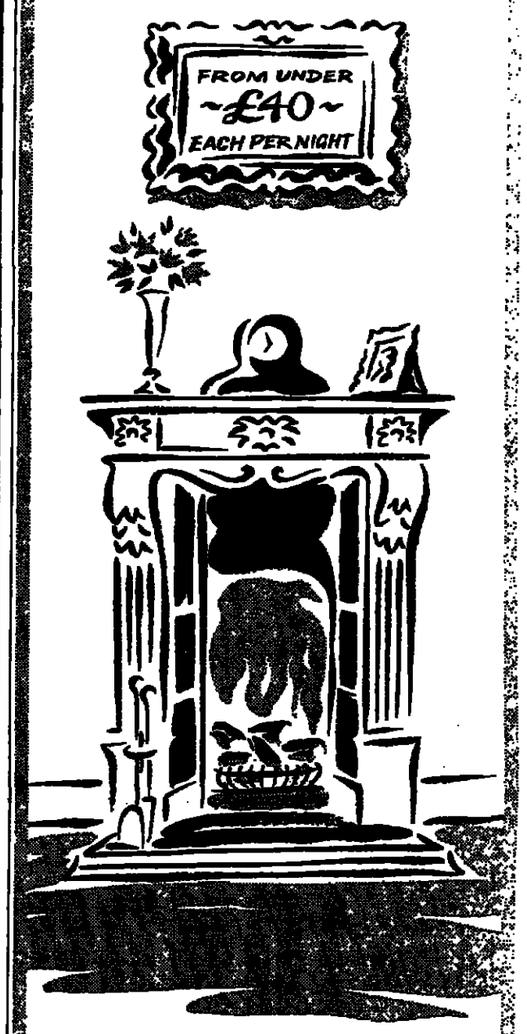
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Sarajevans step warily in a peace full of dangers

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SARAJEVO

NEARLY six weeks after the shelling stopped, Sarajevo remains an uneasy city caught in limbo between peace and war. For many, the ceasefire has come almost unexpectedly.

People who have lived in fear of sudden death or maiming every time they venture out to get water and food have become traumatised after 22 months of war. Now peace confronts them with new realities. They can walk the streets, as they are doing in their thousands in the spring sunshine, and some have been to a famous football match, but the city remains under blockade and the Serb snipers are still at work, more casually than ever, but still to deadly effect.

The UN, desperate almost to make them and us believe in the permanence of the ceasefire, refers to the sharpshooters as unruly elements or



renegades who commit "ceasefire violations", implying that soon their activities will subside, not intensify.

According to one news agency, nearly 60 people have been injured and more than ten killed during this tentative peace. It makes for an uneasy feeling — just a tingling in the spine as you walk with apparently casual disdain in the company of braver friends from the city across open spaces under the sights of the guns — places which a month ago were simple death traps. Apart from UN personnel still fully decked out in flak jackets and helmets, few other visitors wear protective gear. It would seem an over-reaction, even churlish, to do so.

At night, when the tower blocks of the new town are lit up and you cannot see the damage, Sarajevo looks almost normal. There is much progress, electricity for most of the time, water every other day, and the chance to catch a lift on trams in certain areas.

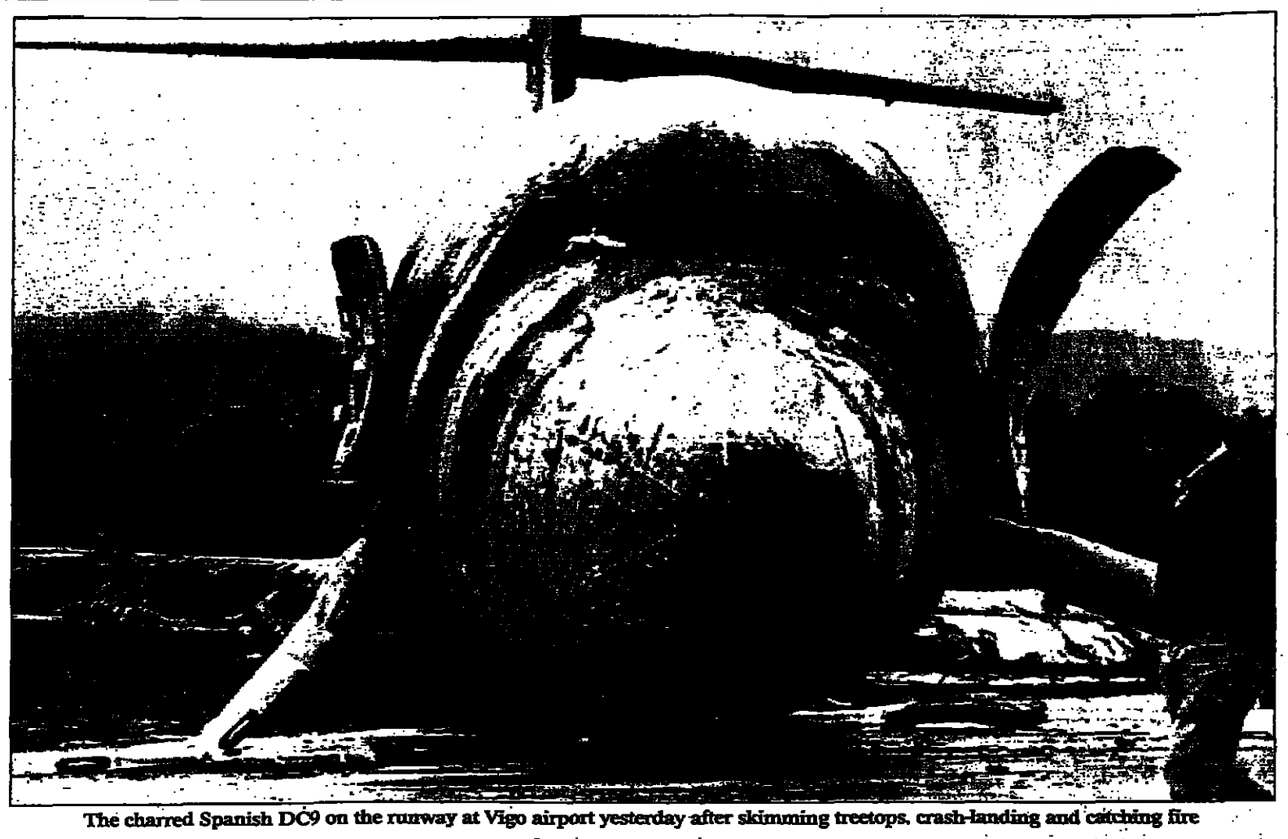
The local authorities have reasserted their control with an almost absurd officiousness. Despite the fact that there are virtually no cars on the roads except those of the UN, journalists and local commanders, you now get stopped for crashing a red light or even going the wrong way up an empty one-way street.

The mix of euphoria and anxiety is a strange cocktail. With no money and little food, people are trying to enjoy themselves, yet they remain restless and distracted.

In the bars which, electricity permitting, reverberate most nights with high-octane rock music, students gather at tables often not talking and with no money for drink or cigarettes; just sitting together before moving to another bar and home in the dark streets to beat the 10pm curfew.

The other day Azra Cebic, 34, a former English teacher, accompanied me on a tour round the shattered streets of the old city. At one point she said: "During these days since the shooting stopped, everything has changed so quickly. I expected freedom in another way, not like this, not still surrounded."

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The charred Spanish DC9 on the runway at Vigo airport yesterday after skimming treetops, crash-landing and catching fire

110 saved as flames engulf aircraft

Vigo: Twenty people, among them Antonio Gutiérrez, the leader of the Workers' Commissions trade union, one of Spain's largest, were slightly injured yesterday when a Spanish airliner crash-landed in fog and caught fire at Vigo airport in northern Spain.

All 110 passengers were evacuated down emergency chutes as firefighters doused the flames. The engines caught fire when the Aviaco airline's DC9 bounced to a halt on the ground.

The plane, on a flight from Madrid, damaged its undercarriage when it touched down in fog at the Galician airport. A passenger said the aircraft had to abort its first landing approach and climb again. "We skimmed the tree tops, then came down again, but landed before the runway and bounced along until we finally stopped," he said. *(Reuter)*

Old comrades part but Albanian envoys still live rent-free in China

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

■ The Chinese regime once viewed tiny Albania as a giant of Marxist virtue. In the swiftly changing new world order, mutual disillusionment has taken over

CHINA is opening up to the world, and Chinese are discovering to their surprise that Britain, France and Germany are rather more important than Albania.

Once, to be an Albanian in China was heaven. For years, Albania under its late dictator, Enver Hoxha, was China's best friend, "the only two countries in step".

When you called the Capital taxi company, foreign residents in the know used to say "I'm an Albanian", because the taxi would come speeding. If you said you were British, it would take 40 minutes. For the then "revisionist" Russians it was an hour. Once, a correspondent pinning up a map of Europe was asked by his Chinese interpreter to point out Albania. He indicated a tiny country nestled between Greece and Yugoslavia. The man bristled: "How dare you insult great Socialist Albania? Everyone knows it is one of the major countries of Europe."

Chinese then were fed on a newspaper diet that portrayed Albanians as paragons of virtue. A Canadian girl on a Peking bus once rose to give her seat to a pregnant woman, and heard the mother-to-be tell her friend: "What a nice foreigner. She must be an Albanian." It was a two-way street. When Red Guards burnt down the British mission in Cultural Revolution violence in 1967, diplomats and embassy staff fled across the road to the Albanian embassy. But Albanian diplomats slammed shut the embassy gate, and watched as the rampaging Red Guards beat up envoys and sexually assaulted women.

In his memoirs, Sir Percy Cradock, the former British Ambassador to China, tells how Red Guards made him stand on a soap box and tried to get him to shout "Long live Chairman Mao".

"They were quite crazy, these Albanians, at the time due to our regime," Dr Tahir Elezi, Ambassador for the new democratic Albania, who was a student in Peking from 1962 to 1966, said. "Even from a humanitarian point of view it was quite wrong of us when the British were in such danger."

What happened was not according to the traditions of the Albanian people, Dr Elezi, a former chemistry lecturer at Tirana University, said. "When someone was in distress we always helped them, even if it was dangerous for us. But in those days, under Hoxha, who was not a good man, Albania was the most isolated country in the world."

Now Albania has much the same relations with China as other former Socialist countries. In place of the 20 diplomats of the Hoxha years, there are only three.

But there is one remnant of the official past. The Albanians still occupy one of the biggest embassies rent-free.

US seeks Asian security pact

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

WASHINGTON will this week propose the creation of a multi-lateral security organisation, involving India, Pakistan, Russia, some Central Asian countries and perhaps China, to reduce the threat of nuclear war between India and Pakistan.

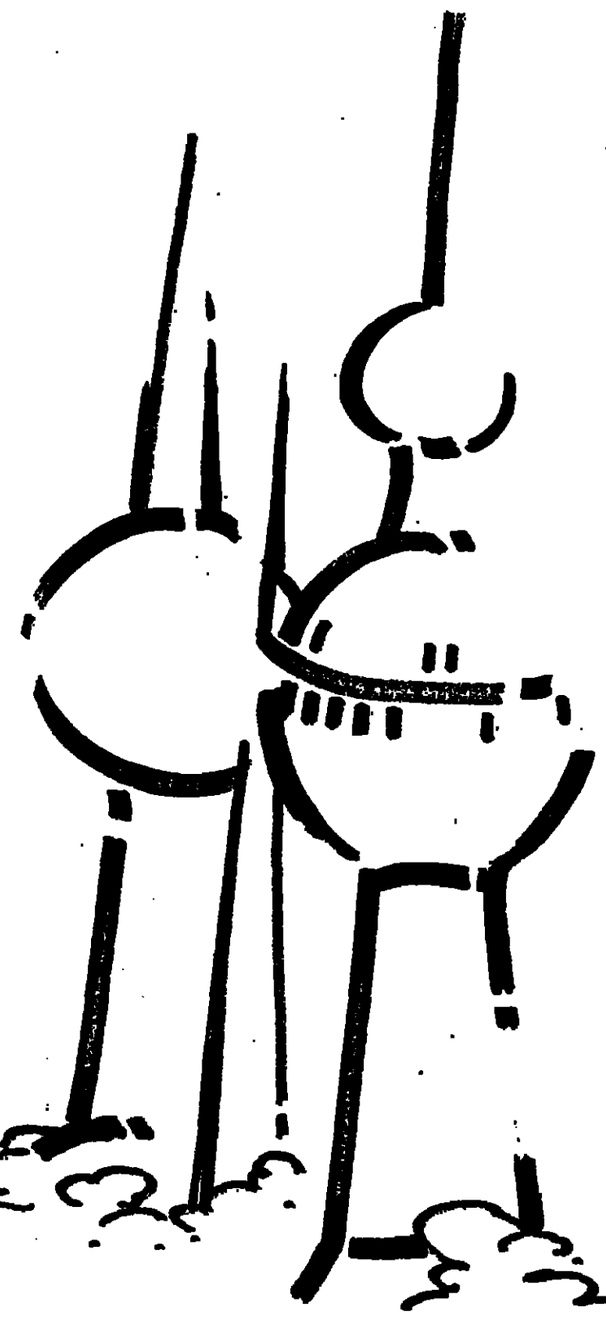
Robin Raphael, head of the State Department's bureau for South Asian affairs, arrives in Delhi today and travels to Pakistan at the weekend. With Indo-US relations at their lowest ebb in years, she will be hard pressed to convince Delhi that America's South Asia policy is not biased in Pakistan's favour. P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, has still not said he will meet her.

The kingdom of Jammu and Kashmir, claimed by both India and Pakistan, is regarded by America as the world's most likely nuclear battleground. Washington accepts that efforts to cajole Pakistan and persuade India to end their nuclear programmes have failed. It will now try a new approach.

The creation of a multilateral security apparatus might be acceptable to both countries as a device to reduce tensions while leaving nuclear arsenals intact. Washington will tempt Pakistan with arms sales and, perhaps, resumed military aid to persuade it to join such an organisation. Since this would involve the delivery of F16 combat aircraft, which outclass anything India has and can carry nuclear weapons, it will increase India's suspicion of a pro-Pakistan tilt in US policy.

Nuclear preparedness by both countries continues to increase. Pakistan has deployed nuclear-capable Chinese M11 ballistic missiles, and India has developed the Prithvi ballistic missile with a 100-mile range. It is now developing the Agni with a range of 1,500 miles.

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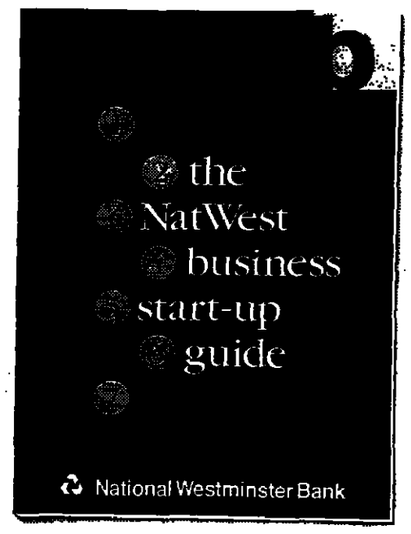
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Vote of 99.9% cements grip of Tunisian President

With fundamentalists banned, President Ben Ali romped home in a poll whose fairness is doubted. Even so, opposition parties enter parliament for the first time

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

ZINE al-Abidine Ben Ali, President of Tunisia and former secret police chief, yesterday tightened his grip on power in a rubberstamp election in which, as the only candidate, he secured 99.99 per cent of votes cast in the 25 electoral districts.

The sweeping victory for the President and his ruling party, the Rassemblement Constitutionnel Démocratique, was predicted and achieved without any opposition from the main Islamic fundamentalist group Nahda, which is banned.

In the last election in 1989, the outlawed party — whose leader, Shaikh Rashid Ghannouchi, is living in exile in Britain — secured up to 30 per cent of the vote in some constituencies and 13.5 per cent overall. It is particularly influential among Tunisia's disaffected youth and has pledged to continue an underground struggle against the regime. Many of its leaders are in jail.

Ironically, despite the criticism of yesterday's results — one Tunisian opposition party described the poll as fraudulent and an international observer questioned its fairness — it was the first time since the country gained independence from France in 1956 in which opposition parties secured any seats in parliament.

Although the six legal opposition parties performed badly, each winning about 1 per cent of the vote on a turnout claimed by the interior Ministry as between 88 and 98 per cent, they will between them have 19 seats in the 163-member National Assembly as a result of a change in the electoral law. Flanked on either side by Algeria — which is in a state of virtual civil war between the government and Islamic extremists — and Libya, led by the maverick anti-Western dictator, Muammar Gaddafi, Tunisia, with its relative prosperity has recently sought to justify increasing controls on the freedom of expression.

President Ben Ali's regime, which is allied with Egypt in its determination to clamp down on the fundamentalists, has been repeatedly accused by Western human rights groups of torture and other excessive measures. European governments have expressed concern that the extent of the repression could backfire by increasing sympathy for the Islamic hardliners.

In advance of the poll, the BBC North Africa correspondent, Alfred Hermida, who also reported for *The Times*, was ordered out, and Jacques de Barrin, the correspondent of *Le Monde*, was informed he was *persona non grata*.

The only potential challenger to the President in Sunday's poll, Moncef Marzouki, a human rights campaigner and professor of medicine, dropped out when he was unable to obtain the required sponsorship of 30 members of parliament.

The Tunisian President took power in a bloodless coup in 1987 and has since, according to Arab political commentators, come increasingly to model his political system on that of Egypt, where the trappings of democracy thinly disguise effective one-party rule.

President Mubarak of Egypt was returned unopposed recently for his third six-year term.

'I showed them my membership card but they burnt my house anyway'

SIMON WALKER



Hospital worker Petrus Bhengu in one of the burnt houses at Montebello. Although an Inkatha member, he still became a raid victim and is now afraid of his own party

Inkatha death squads roam valley of fear

*On the fourth leg of his South African odyssey, **Sam Kiley** in Montebello meets Zulu victims of the ruthless death squads waging Natal's civil war*

PETRUS Bhengu, 26, collected two bottles of Lion lager from the spot where the men who had burnt down his family home and his father's chapel had celebrated their killing spree and downed beers while his brother, Menzi, 24, bled to death.

Inside the four-bedroomed house, which took nine years to build and a lifetime's savings, the walls were smeared with the black smudge of petrol bombs. Bibles and prayer books did not escape the blaze, nor did the beds, clothes, kitchen utensils and outhouses at Nhlangakazi, overlooking Montebello's green pastures and sugar cane estates 30 miles from Durban.

Olpha Hlongwa, 58, another of hundreds of residents burnt out of their homes in the village, who now sleeps on the floor of the Montebello hospital along with some 400 adults and their children, stepped over a 2ft-high termite mound in the deserted road. "These people are making us poor. I am two years away from my pension and all my things have been burnt. I have no future," she said. She pointed to a neighbouring farmstead. "Eight children were killed there." She passed the empty Mavula store. "Four workers were shot in their beds inside the shop."

Who did this burning and killing? "The other organisation." So deep is the fear of being dubbed an informer that it takes much coaxing to get the victims to even say: "Inkatha."

Mr Bhengu, an Inkatha member unfortunate enough to live among African National Congress supporters and who works as a general assistant at Montebello hospital, at first shook uncontrollably. His voice was so tense with fear that he was unintelligible. "When the Inkatha guys came to my house they said I was ANC. I showed them my IFP membership card, but they burnt my house anyway. I am afraid of my own party now," he said.

Every house in the valley, perhaps four miles square, has been abandoned since Inkatha impis (warriors) came at the end of January. From the cliffs above, the small group from Montebello hospital who had returned to snatch maize cobs and fruits from their overgrown garden were watched by two small figures. Inkatha sentries, in the endless battle for control of KwaZulu-Natal's rural communities.

The presence of the sentries meant that two men killed in what was left of the village at the end of February lay rotting for three days before their relatives dared to collect the bodies. "There is only one aim that Inkatha have — to wipe the ANC out completely in this area," said an administrator at the hospital.

Survivors of the hit-squad attacks, including those in the Montebello area, further allege that the KwaZulu police have been involved in the shootings: two policemen armed with G3 rifles are alleged to have arrived with the impis to lay waste to Nhlngakazi.



Poll commission threatens to send army against Buthelezi

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, is to be warned formally tomorrow that South African armed forces are ready to secure the troubled areas of his fiefdom to ensure that the election campaign can be freely and fairly conducted. A meeting in Pretoria between President de Klerk, Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president, and Judge Johann Kriegler, the chairman of the independent electoral commission, decided yesterday that the judge should visit Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, to lay down the law to Chief Buthelezi. He will also meet King Goodwill Zwelithini, the Zulu monarch, and KwaZulu legislature members, to spell out the minimum requirements on the placing of voting stations, the security of electoral meetings and the holding of voter education sessions. He will be backed by assurances from Mr de Klerk that the government will be "helpful in securing the area, and in facilitating the judge's requirements". Judge Kriegler made a similar visit to Chief Lucas Mangope shortly before he was dismissed as President of the once nominally independent Bophuthatswana. The ANC has also asked the Transitional Executive Council, which has responsibility for ensuring the election's fairness, for the large-scale deployment of troops in Ntal province. Relations between the ANC and Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party continued to degenerate at the weekend, as another ANC election rally was frustrated by Inkatha supporters occupying KwaMashu stadium. At least 36 people were killed in the province during the weekend, most of them in political violence, police said. The ANC claimed that at least 26 houses were torched.

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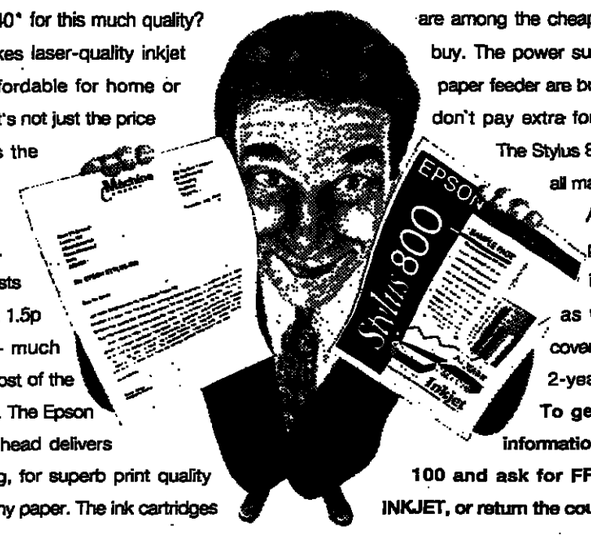
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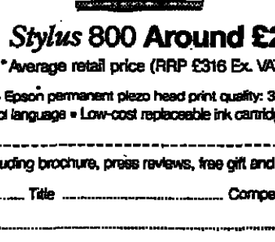
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Clarke defends British resistance to Euro vote change


Cot: the Community faces a problem rebuilding trust

BY GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL BINYON

IN A characteristically robust defence of Britain's minority position on the European Union's voting system, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has said the Government will not retreat when the question is broached again in Brussels today.

Mr Clarke said yesterday that reform of the voting system should be left on one side until the Maastricht treaty is reviewed in 1996. He described as "perfectly satisfactory" the present system, which gives two large states and a small one power to block decisions taken by qualified majority. "We are not prepared to accept that there's some rule which says that the bigger you make the Community, somehow the majority has to be adjusted," he said.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, insisted yesterday in Dublin that the Government wanted enlargement to go ahead and said the EU would have to find a way through by agreement. He added: "We may not do so in Brussels tomorrow, but we will persevere until we do."

He reaffirmed the Government view that it saw the blocking minority as a matter of principle. "Smaller member states already have a special place in the structure of the Union. Britain and Spain believe that all member states need to be sure their views will not be steamrollered in council discussion," he said.

He said the proportion of the peoples of Europe who could be outvoted had risen from 30 per cent, when Britain and Ireland joined, to 40 per cent. "This proportion is too high for such a further increase to proceed unchecked and unqualified as on past occasions."

Mr Hurd called the EU "a non-stop negotiation, with brinkmanship and deal-making in its blood". Those who despised this process should reflect on past alternatives; bitter argument leading to broken relations, trade restrictions and even war.

■ Although Britain backs an enlarged Community, the apparently irreconcilable differences on voting majorities may postpone the entry of new members

Despite the controversy accompanying the accession of Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden, Mr Hurd said it was vital in the coming decade to bring Central European membership of the EU nearer, rather than reinforcing the exclusivity of the present club.

"If we cannot offer them the prospect of joining us — or if, through our actions, we make that prospect more distant — I fear for the stability of the Continent and the security of the Europe we have already built," he said. He called on the EU to drop its trade barriers against Eastern Europe, saying that liberalisation was the motor for economic restructuring and political stability in the East and that "these countries are gasping for markets". Times were hard within the Community, but the Twelve should resist the temptation to use anti-dumping measures as a means of relieving EU producers from genuine competitive pressures, Mr Hurd said.

Although France and Germany were reported to have agreed on a joint position for today's meeting, few other signs emerged yesterday that the gap between the two sides was narrowing. Britain and Spain resist the view of the other ten governments that the size of the minority that can block EU laws should be raised, in direct proportion to the new states arriving in the Union, to 27 votes.

London and Madrid stood alone last night, sticking to the line that the minority should remain able to block at 23 votes. Officials of the small states most vehemently opposed to the British and Spanish stance said that their governments would not shift position to accommodate a minority of two.

Many European officials and diplomats now assume that the arrival of up to four new states in the EU, scheduled for next January, will have to be delayed by at least several months.

"Why doesn't Mr Major just come out and say that he wants to hold these countries up?" one European official asked yesterday. If no solution is reached today, the foreign ministers are scheduled to meet again in Greece over the weekend. Pessimists foresee the voting dispute lasting until the summit of EU leaders in Corfu in June. MEPs are threatening to add to the delays in revenge for what they see as inadequate time to consider the terms for enlarging the EU and in protest at the compromises that have been floated for the voting system. Jean-Pierre Cot, the leader of the European Parliament's Socialist group, said yesterday that ministers and MEPs were heading for a collision.

"The deterioration in relations between the parliament and the Council is such that there is a real problem as to how to rebuild trust," Mr Cot said. "There is no chance of having any sort of mixed solution go through parliament ... What is at stake is the whole concept of the future of Europe. Obviously our Europe is not John Major's Europe."

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Uneasy Northern League vows to break with media tycoon after votes are counted

Cracks open in ranks of Berlusconi coalition

FROM TOM RHODES IN MILAN

AS THE Italian election campaign entered its final week yesterday, a senior spokesman for the Northern League said his party's coalition with Silvio Berlusconi, the media magnate, and the southern neo-Fascists would end as soon as the votes were counted.

"Ours is only a technical coalition of necessity imposed by the new electoral law," Christian Monti, foreign affairs spokesman for the league, said. "It will be finished the day after the vote." Throughout the election the league, and in particular Umberto Bossi, its tempestuous leader, has forged a distinctly uneasy alliance with Signor Berlusconi and a non-existent marriage with the National Alliance, led by Gianfranco Fini. The combination of statists, federalists and free marketeers, held together by the single thread of anti-communism (without the Communists), is one which has all the elements to produce a seismic post-electoral rift. Of the three, however, it is Signor Bossi who is the most eager to retain his identity.

If Signor Berlusconi does win next weekend, as many predict, league supporters say he will be entirely constrained by his electoral debt to Signor Bossi, who has already said he will not accept the businessman as Prime Minister and has proposed Roberto Maroni, his deputy, as the future Prime Minister. Signor Bossi has said he will never form a government with Signor Fini, and has insisted that Signor Berlusconi embark on a federalist programme to "close the door on the centralist state".



So desperate for power is Signor Berlusconi, Signor Monti said, that he will honour all pledges made to the league. "If the left gets in," Signor Monti said, "they will crush Berlusconi's business. He will be left with nothing."

In the Via Bellerio, the Milan headquarters of the league, however, the fighting spirit is tempered with a certain air of desperation. The more radical wing of the party, which still favours northern secession, feels that Signor Bossi has sold out to Forza Italia (Go, Italy), Signor Berlusconi's party. In purely practical terms, Signor Bossi has yielded 30 per cent of seats to Signor Berlusconi.

Many of the northern electors who may have voted for the league as a protest against the previously corrupt regime, no longer feel the need to do so and are turning towards other parties. The fact that even PDS, the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, has put forward strong policy documents on how the state should be devolved to give more power to the regions means that, in effect, the league's raison d'être has disappeared. Signor Bossi has not been helped by his mercurial manner, including the use of earthy sexual innuendo in slogans and at political rallies, which has isolated more moderate voters.

Some observers say he has never recovered from the investigations by magistrates last year which discovered that a 200 million lire (£80,000) private donation had been paid to the Northern League — a party which had always sold itself on incorruptibility. Recently, in an extraordinary change of ideals, three of the league's deputies left to join the National Alliance, a move which even Signor Bossi's supporters cannot understand. They are concentrating their efforts on the poorer areas of the northern cities where they can bolster the traditionally pro-league vote in rural towns and villages. "Even in the worst scenario, that we only gain 70 seats," one party campaigner said, "we will still hold all the cards he needs to form a government."

The satirical programme *Tunnel* shows a dejected, post-electoral Signor Bossi as a television anchorman on one of Signor Berlusconi's private television channels. Many say he would make a better game show host.



A barrage of posters for Silvio Berlusconi, the conservative leader, on a Roman billboard yesterday in the run-up to next weekend's Italian election

Howard tackles fraud in Europe

Brussels: The Government's campaign against European Union fraud gains momentum tomorrow when Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, unveils new proposals in Brussels that are aimed at linking anti-corruption laws across Europe (James Landale writes).

The move, which would use new Maastricht powers for the first time, calls for tougher joint action against fraudsters throughout the Union but stops short of a complete harmonisation of criminal law.

Arena leads

San Salvador: With more than half the votes counted, the ruling conservative Arena party in El Salvador held a strong lead over a left-wing coalition that includes former guerrillas from the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, but was just short of 50 per cent for an outright win. (AP)

Peace hopes

Cairo: As delegations from Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation continued talks at a secret location in Tunisia, Arab and Israeli leaders expressed optimism that the full Middle East process would soon be resumed.

Snub to Tibet

Hong Kong: Israel's leaders have declined to receive the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, in an apparent bow to the demands of Peking. A spokesman said the move was on the ground that the visit was "private".

Egyptian toll

Cairo: Violent clashes between Islamic militants and the police near Assiut in upper Egypt have claimed at least 15 lives since Sunday, the bloodiest 48-hour period in the escalating struggle since the beginning of the year.

Briton gives in

Manila: Christopher John Nash, 44, a Briton accused of masterminding the kidnapping and murder of a policeman, has surrendered to the Philippine authorities, police said. He has denied the charges. (AP)

Hijacker held

Rome: A 67-year-old Sicilian pensioner was overpowered by police after hijacking a domestic flight from Palermo to Rome and holding its passengers hostage for two hours. He claimed he had been unjustly imprisoned on Mafia conspiracy charges.

German Greens try to halt shipments for Sellafield

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN police yesterday swept aside chanting Green demonstrators who tried to block the transport of nuclear waste from the Broksdorf atomic power station to the Sellafield reprocessing plant in Cumbria.

In December the demonstrators occupied the crane that lifts the waste from lorries on to railway carriages for the trip to England. Yesterday police anticipated the protest and deployed cordons of men around strategic positions.

The Greens won more than 10 per cent of the vote in local council elections in Schleswig-Holstein on Sunday, partly because of the strong feelings against the Broksdorf plant. The Social Democrats were sent reeling by the result of those elections, only narrowly retaining their position as the strongest party. They notched up 38.7 per cent of the vote against the Christian Democrats' 37.6 per cent.

The nuclear issue is gaining importance as a coalition between Social Democrats and the Greens begins to emerge as a possible government. The Greens have pledged to scrap nuclear power and to withdraw from nuclear recycling contracts with Britain if they come to power.

A fire in the 20-year-old nuclear power station at Biblis in Hesse boosted Green support. Klaus Topfer, Bonn's Environment Minister, insisted that the plant should stay in operation, despite its advanced age and local opposition. The fire has meant repairs and has put the plant out of action for some months.

The leader of the campaign is Joschka Fischer, the Green Party Environment Minister in Hesse, who would be a key figure in any future Socialist-Green government. His crusade has prevented the operation of the Siemens MOX plant at Hanau, where reprocessed plutonium from Britain and France is supposed to be turned into mixed-oxide fuel elements for re-use in nuclear power stations.

☐ **Anti-Nazi protest:** The headquarters of the Berlin Soccer Federation was vandalised early yesterday in protest against a match with England next month which coincides with Hitler's birthday.

Gaullists hold on to support

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE'S Gaullist-led government breathed a sigh of relief yesterday after the first round of cantonal elections revealed that it still enjoys strong public favour. The elections, however, also brought signs of a resurrection for the Socialists.

The two ecology parties and the far-right National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen were the main losers in the voting for half the members of the 95 *départements* (county councils). The most striking personal victory in the first round (the run-offs are on Sunday) was that of Bernard Tapie, the Marseilles football magnate facing fraud charges.

Greeks fight riot police over 'early-to-bed' law

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS

THE Greek government yesterday refused to bow to demands that it should rescind recently introduced "early-to-bed" regulations that outlaw drinking and dancing until dawn.

The ruling Pan-Hellenic Socialist Party also rejected the calls of its own youth wing for the resignation of Stelios Papathemelis, the Public Order Minister and the new law's instigator. But after television coverage of street brawls showing the riot police clubbing young protesters to the ground, Evangelos Venizelos, the government's spokesman, said police should use force "only when necessary".

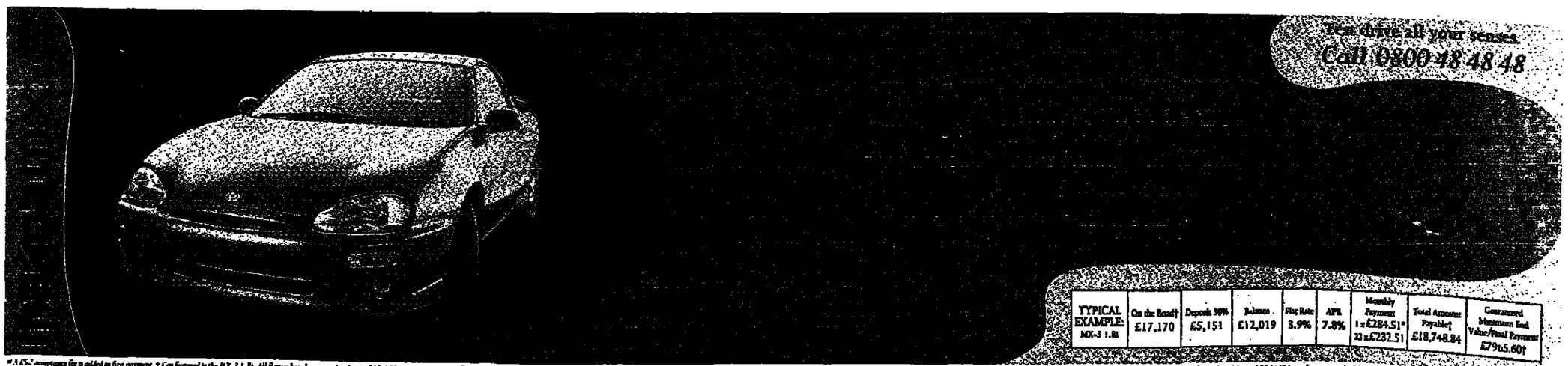
The clashes between late-night revellers and the "fun police" began at the weekend after the pre-Lent carnival ended and the law came into force. The law rules that bars, bouzouki clubs and discos must close at 2am on weekdays and 3am at weekends.

One of the worst incidents was in the working-class districts of Patissia after a concert on behalf of Aids victims. A police car called to investigate excessive noise at 4am was stoned, and battles broke out when riot police arrived.

There were also clashes on Friday night after disco patrons closed off the main Athenian Panepistimiou thoroughfare at 3am to protest against what they regard as a kill-joy law. Taxi drivers have joined in the protests, saying there is now no work in the middle of the night. Hoteliers are afraid that tourists will spurn Greece for countries with more liberal licensing laws.

The church-going Mr Papathemelis has refused to dilute his legislation and has accused "certain nightclub owners" of being behind the protests. He said yesterday that the law was accepted by the "overwhelming majority of society".

He introduced the law because he was concerned that too many Greeks were falling asleep at work because they were exhausted from carousing until sunrise. Despite his protestations to the contrary, however, it seems likely that the government will relax the law in the summer so the tourist trade will not suffer.



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Former judge strikes plea bargain to give Whitewater evidence

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

DAVID Hale, a former Arkansas judge facing trial for fraud, has agreed to tell the special prosecutor all he knows about President Clinton's involvement in the Whitewater affair in return for the most serious charges against him being dropped.

Mr Hale has long accused Mr Clinton of wrongdoing, and his testimony would be highly damaging to the President if he can convince the prosecutor, Robert Fiske, and the Whitewater grand jury that he is telling the truth.

In the 1980s Mr Hale ran a Little Rock investment company that dispensed federal loans to small businesses run by blacks and other disadvantaged groups. He has alleged that in February 1986 Mr Clinton, then Arkansas Governor, pressured him into lending $300,000 (£200,000) of that federal money to the wife of James McDougal, the Clintons' partner in the struggling Whitewater Development Corporation. About $110,000 of the loan was diverted into the Whitewater company and it appears none of it was ever repaid. However, the White House has denied that Mr Clinton exerted any pressure on Mr Hale and has accused Mr Hale of fabricating the story to "save his butt".

More generally, Mr Hale has claimed that he was approached in 1985 by Mr McDougal and Jim Tucker, the present Arkansas Governor, and asked to make loans to help the "political family" of Arkansas Democrats of which he was part.

Using funds secretly and improperly shuffled between his company and Mr McDougal's Madison savings bank, Mr Hale became a main source of loans to several Little Rock businessmen and politicians or, as one Whitewater investigator put it, their "piggy bank".

Last September Mr Hale was charged with conspiring to defraud the government of $900,000 through bogus financial transactions, but under his new plea agreement with Mr Fiske he is expected to plead guilty today to two lesser charges and will escape a prison sentence. His testimony will now be heard in private, not public.

Little Rock's Rose law firm, where Hillary Clinton was a partner, has meanwhile decided to file a formal complaint with the Arkansas Supreme Court's ethics committee against Webster Hubbell, another former partner who has just resigned as associate Attorney-General.

At the weekend the Clintons sought to lift the White House gloom with humour. They produced a video for a Washington press corps dinner parodying a well-known television commercial that condemns their health care plan.

The video, so successful that the White House released it to the networks, ended with the announcement that it was paid for by the "Coalition to Scare Your Pants Off".



Los Angeles firefighters tackling a blaze that broke out in a shopping centre after power had been restored following the latest earthquake

Quake aftershocks on Oscar weekend leave moguls unshaken

Los Angeles: As half the world sat down to watch the Oscars last night it was virtually certain that Stephen Spielberg would steal the show as director of *Schindler's List*, and equally clear that rumours of earthquake panic among the nominees had been much exaggerated (Giles Whittell writes). A long, rolling aftershock of the January 17 North Ridge earthquake rumbled through Hollywood on Sunday, interrupting a sunny afternoon of pre-Oscar socialising. Cracks appeared on the Golden State freeway, but not in the Dorothy Chandler pavilion where the ceremony takes place. "We are fine, everybody's fine," said a spokeswoman at the Regent Beverly Wilshire hotel, a haven of stars on Oscar weekend. "Nothing's broken, nobody's hurt, nobody's checked out," said a receptionist at the Beverly Hills Hilton.

US missile move risks Pyongyang propaganda win

■ North Korea faces UN sanctions over its nuclear weapons programme. China's attitude is crucial yet Washington's relations with Peking have rarely been worse

BY DAVID WATTS

WITH Patriot missiles about to be moved into South Korea and the prospect of sanctions against Pyongyang over its alleged nuclear weapons capability, American diplomacy finds itself in the worst of all worlds.

Introduction of the missiles, of dubious tactical value in the circumstances, brings the kind of heightened external threat on which the hermit regime in the North has thrived since 1945. In confronting Pyongyang, the political and military aims for the US armed forces are confused: it remains unclear whether there is a nuclear weapons programme and precisely where it is situated. Ostensibly, the Yongbyon development is where the International Atomic Energy Agency has been focusing its efforts. But few who know North Korea's skills at putting army bases, airfields and factories on mountainsides on underground believe that is the whole story. If called into action, America would be hard pressed to know where to strike: intelligence agencies are divided over whether the North is about to perfect a nuclear weapon.

North Korea would have the initial advantage in a shooting war. Seoul, the southern capital, would probably be captured in the initial stages of a North Korean thrust — the most probable response to any attack on northern installations. Bitter fighting would result unless America were prepared to use force.

Economic sanctions, in an economy that makes rural northeast China look wealthy, would seem to be a poor choice. An extensive and porous land border with China would present great difficulty in staunching the flow of cash and goods. The traffic from North Korea's few Middle East clients would require a sea blockade.

China and Japan would be unwilling parties to sanctions. Peking has said repeatedly that it would not join in, not least because it does not want to weaken its last regional Socialist ally. Japan would also prefer to keep talking, although it would implement sanctions if necessary.

For Washington, China's attitude is crucial at a time when relations have rarely been worse. Peking can veto sanctions in the United Nations Security Council and can make or break them on the ground.

North Korea given one more chance

New York: The United Nations Security Council is to give North Korea another chance to allow inspection of its nuclear sites before considering punitive sanctions (James Bone writes).

Diplomats said yesterday that the council wanted to avoid an immediate confrontation even though the International Atomic Energy Agency said that North Korea had impeded a recent inspection effort.

At US urging, the council is likely to adopt a resolution warning North Korea to allow inspections, but making no reference to sanctions. Russia and Japan yesterday backed efforts forcing the North to allow inspections.

Goodwill taxed on Christmas Island



Sydney: Residents of Christmas Island are so angry over the threatened loss of its duty-free status, a chief source of revenue, that they are threatening to secede from Australia (Roger Maynard writes).

Some 200 miles south of Java, the 146-square-mile Indian Ocean island is not the paradise many imagine. There are few natural sandy beaches, roads are poor, and the distance from the mainland makes much fresh food expensive. A litre of milk sells for about £2.50 and a lettuce costs marginally more.

Although the island enjoys duty-free status, the 3,000 islanders pay full Australian taxes, the cause of the anger. The residents claim that they get little or nothing by way of government services or subsidies, and they accuse Canberra of treating them as slaves.

Dave Scott, a trade union spokesman, claimed that the islanders had the status of "coolies", but the final blow had been the decision to end the island's duty-free status. The locals have given a warning that they have had enough and will secede unless Canberra takes a more sympathetic view of their plight.

In a wave of militancy rarely seen, the locals are even organising a rally for Thursday and an official protest this weekend, when government representatives fly in.

"All we want is a fair go from Canberra — to be given the same assistance isolated communities on the mainland receive," Mr Scott said.

Apart from its looks, how else can a building be environment friendly?

The answer is simple – by very efficient use of the energy it consumes day-to-day for heating, cooling and lighting.

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Using energy better.

Today's heating, cooling and lighting systems should all be designed with energy efficiency in mind. Buildings which provide controllable and efficient comfort conditions all year round can be highly energy efficient.

Indeed, the energy consumption of modern air conditioned buildings can be lower than for existing heated-only buildings, but with considerably more comfort for the occupants.

So, through energy efficient design, you could get a much better working environment which will pay dividends in terms of staff comfort, efficiency and productivity.

Using resources better.

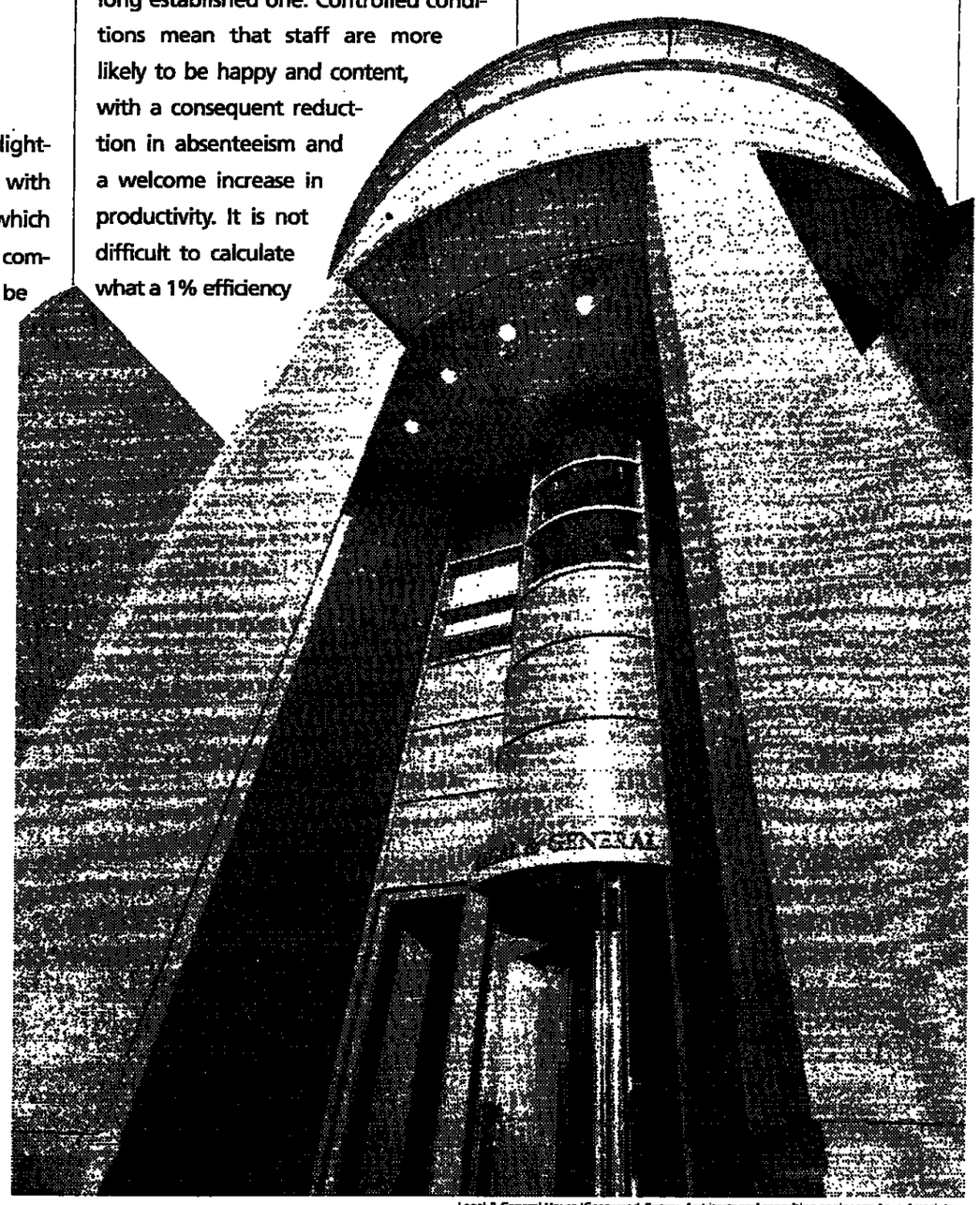
Modern electric systems such as heat pumps with heat recovery use energy far more efficiently than gas boilers and contribute less in CO_2 emissions too. Indeed, the downward trend of CO_2 emissions from electricity generation means that electric heat pumps will be increasingly valuable as a measure for reducing the greenhouse effect; an interesting fact if your building is going up over the next few years. The best systems use heat recovery, which means recycling the heat already produced.

Improving the internal environment.

The link between good internal conditions and working efficiency is a long established one. Controlled conditions mean that staff are more likely to be happy and content, with a consequent reduction in absenteeism and a welcome increase in productivity. It is not difficult to calculate what a 1% efficiency improvement means in terms of the average corporate salary bill!

Worth a look.

If you would like to know about environmentally responsible energy systems, information (and technical advice for professionals) is available by contacting either your electricity supplier or faxing 071-344 5800 quoting reference EEDD.



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What price justice when the new legal rules give solicitors a financial stake in the outcome of a case?

Lawyers play double or quits

The solicitor and the barrister were going at it hammer and tongs, and I was getting bored so I glanced at a couple of American journals, *Forbes* magazine and last Thursday's *Baltimore Sun*. The lawyers were arguing passionately about the new rules the Lord Chancellor will announce next month allowing solicitors, for the first time, to play the American game of "no win, no fee" with clients who want to bring personal injury cases, but can only afford the legal fees if they win.

The American version is known as "sky's the limit" and, as we all know, lawyers get very rich on it: the English version, which everyone insists is *much* more modest, is known as "double or quits" because solicitors will be able to charge twice their normal fee if they win, nothing if they lose. In this argument the solicitor, who was short of work, was pragmatically pro (his eyes were glittering, rather) while the barrister was loftily con. Both were wordy, and I reckoned I had time to read the papers before they got anywhere near a conclusion.

The *Baltimore Sun* contained a most daft and depressing litigation story. It concerned a bus and a taxi, which met one night down by the railroad tracks in south Baltimore and collided so gently that the bus driver was not even aware the taxi had run into him. No damage was done but two passengers, probably scenting money, claimed they were hurt. The bus driver summoned his supervisor, who unaccountably arrived with four ambulances from the local hospital in tow.

This apparition caused 20 more passengers to discover in themselves acute medical conditions attributable to the collision. In vain did the ambulance paramedics pronounce each passenger fit as a flea and refuse to take them to hospital. The supervisor drove them there himself, and thus began what the lawyer responsible for personal injury claims against Baltimore's Mass Transit Administration calls "the insidious waltz".

This starts when two vehicles touch. Passengers believe this entitles them to claim they have been injured even if they are perfectly all right. They dance to their lawyer, who can see they're not hurt but calls a doctor anyway. The doctor closes his eyes and prescribes at enormous expense. In this case the waltz went on for three years before the dancers, festooned with many thousands of dollars' worth of unnecessary medical costs, arrived at the court door. At any one time the transport authorities in Baltimore have 1,000 of these cases in process.

Forbes, the American business magazine, has been trying to quantify this ruinous spirit of litigiousness across America and rank states accordingly. You will not be surprised to hear that



MARGOT NORMAN

Washington D.C. emerges as easily the most litigious, and that Arkansas is the least, barring only the Dakotas, Indiana and Utah. (This alone may explain Hillary Rodham Clinton's current spot of bother.)

The litigation culture is most entrenched in the north-eastern states, where more than two-thirds of car accidents end up in the hands of a lawyer, and least visible among the sensible folk of the prairies. If it appals you to hear that the city of New York paid out $219 million to settle liability claims and judgments last year, it at least explains why there is no cash left to repair the crumbling fabric of the place.

The magazine stresses that its survey, terrifying though it be, vastly understates the true costs of litigation to American municipal taxpayers because it does not include workers' compensation, where costs are undeniably lawyer-driven. It also excludes all litigation relating to schools and transport systems, so it takes no account of the Baltimore waltz.

I was just wondering how many noughts you would need to add to get the true picture, when the solicitor thumped the table and listed all the safeguards which would, he said, stop us going the American way.

We have cautious judges, not profligate juries, deciding on compensation sums. (True. So reckless are juries in Detroit that they award plaintiffs six times the average sum. Accordingly, an orthopaedic surgeon in Detroit has to pay an annual insurance premium of $150,000, which is more than most English orthopaedic surgeons earn.)

We don't have elected judges who, like the Texas chief justice, collect most of their $2 million dollar election expenses from trial lawyers who presumably expect something in return. American lawyers bag up to a third of any damages payment for themselves, but we'll only allow ours to take their doubled fees, and if anyone thinks those are too high they can get them reduced by a court taxing officer. So surely, said the solicitor, there can be no objection to a change that will put justice within reach for those not poor enough to qualify for legal aid.

"Oh yes there can," said the barrister. "Ethics will fly out of the window when you breach our hallowed principle that a lawyer should not have a strong financial interest in the outcome of a case." I couldn't help thinking of the libel lottery, where juries do fix the often ridiculous sums, and ethical standards among the lawyers involved are not what you would call exemplary.

The Medical Defence Union's highest premium for an orthopaedic surgeon may be only £4,950, but we are developing a more litigious culture, and premiums are rising. It can easily cost £50,000, including fees for counsel and expert witnesses, to bring a negligence case. Won't costs rise all round, to the detriment of the NHS, when solicitors lose and try to recoup their losses through subsequent cases? If the scent of compensation makes a lead-swinger out of an honest passenger, what will double-or-quits make out of an honest solicitor?

JO of the CHÂLET SCHOOL



by ELINOR M. BRENT-DYER

Jo, created in 1925, now being republished

A heroine for the next century

In her flame-coloured tunic, Joey will probably outlast her fictional rivals, says **Martin Spence**

Jo of the Chalet School has been rescuing princesses from precipices, speaking five languages fluently and eating heartily for almost 70 years. Created by Elinor M. Brent-Dyer in 1925, she alone among school story heroines looks certain to climb into the next century in her flame-coloured tunic and mountain boots.

The series, launched with *The School at the Chalet*, reached 59 volumes by the time the last was published in the 1960s. The majority have been in print ever since, and to mark the centenary of Brent-Dyer's birth next month Armada is reissuing the first book and five others.

The Chalet School in the Tyrol is trilingual (English, French and German on successive days), multinational, non-denominational, and all girls. The central character is plain, sparky Joey, younger sister of the school's founder. It was an immediate hit with readers. The combination of adventure in a romantic Tyrolean setting, the strong women imbued with child-like enthusiasm plus adult common sense and their brisk attitude to snobbery ("Nonsense, Mater, vicarage kids don't have fleas!") is the source of the series' appeal.

In addition, uniquely in girls' school fiction, the school is influenced by historical events. Chalet staff and pupils are all one family, ready to face whatever 1930s Austria may throw at them: faith or floods, tennis or turberculosis, nuns or Nazis.

Brent-Dyer has the highest sales of any children's writer except Enid Blyton, yet she has the lowest profile. Photographs show a large, determined face with bushy eyebrows and kind eyes, but it does not appear on the book jackets. She had branded her product so effectively that while her readers remember the Chalet School, they have forgotten the modest, exuberant woman who started life in circumstances far removed from the big, happy families of her books.

She was born Gladys Dyer on April 6, 1894, in a small terraced house in South Shields with no bathroom, inside toilet or hot water. Her father left his wife when Brent-Dyer was three; her only brother died as a teenager. When she was 17, her father died of cancer, cutting his wife and children out of his will. Soon afterwards, Brent-Dyer's formidable mother married money. When readers clamoured later for details of her painful past, she revealed none of this. In later life, she preferred the company of her friends to any relatives.

Her writing talent was precocious. At five, she won a story competition with *Lotty's Fright* (1899), about a naughty girl who borrowed her brother's bike without permission and was rewarded with a broken arm. This innocent pattern of disobedience and self-punishment, followed by self-knowledge, was later elaborated in the Chalet School books.

The original blurb ran: "There is a delightful freshness of incident and conversation, coupled with skilful use of humour and pathos. Girl character is accurately drawn and nowhere is the transition from rollicking girlhood to joyous womanhood more naturally portrayed."

Unlike her rivals, the sentimental Angela Brazil and the saccharine Elsie Oxenham, Brent-Dyer's happy, healthy girls live in the real world, perhaps because she was a headmistress herself. Her school is buffeted by snowstorms, her foreign pupils controlled by British discipline. (Soppy French Simone cuts off her pigtail for love of Joey, crying: "You laughed at me because my hair was long, so I thought if I cut it short you would love me!") Where lesser schools are closed by bad drains, it takes the Nazis to stop the Chalet School. But not its indomitable spirit. "Whatever happens to us", says Joey, "the Chalet School must go on!"

An inspired soap with 59 episodes, each as delightfully similar as the beads on a rosary, it does, of course, go on, although in new settings including Guernsey, an island off Wales, Hereford and Switzerland. And so does Joey. She gets older, becoming less a character than a collection of her creator's drives and needs. Brent-Dyer became a super-selling writer, Joey followed; Brent-Dyer converted to Roman Catholicism, Joey too. As the years went by, she was endowed with every advantage her creator lacked, from tidy hair to 11 children.

In 1960, *Joey and Co in Tirol* brought Joey successfully back to the new Austria of autobahns, bank robbers and space travel ("these maniacs"). But blizzards, kidnaps and bust-ups kept on coming, even if ladylike snowball matches are now replaced by fist-fights over who should wash the staff car. The books grew thinner to match their readers' contracting attention span, and slang became a kind of Euro-standard ("Voulez-vous des order marks?"). Brent-Dyer's obituarist in *The Times* claimed that she coined the exclamatory term "fabulous".

> 'A portrayal of the transition from girl to woman'

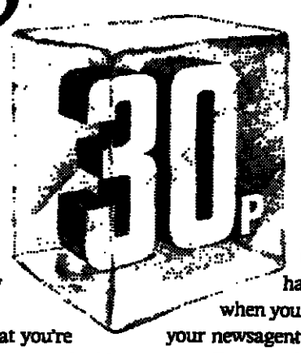
"The longer I live, the more horrified I am at the growing wickedness of the world," confesses the head in *Joey and Co in Tirol*. Hang on, Miss Annersley. With sales booming at 115,000 a year, hundreds of children must still be benefiting from the brisk morality of the Chalet School.

● The School at the Chalet, The Mystery at the Chalet School, Jo to the Rescue, Joey and Co in Tirol, The Chalet School Reunion *and* Prefects of the Chalet School *will be reissued by Armada (£3.99 each) on May 12.*



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THE TIMES

Micks, bricks and knickers

Don't believe the clichés: there's a lot of fun to be had in moving house

It was miraculous that I managed to get dressed this morning. After an hour of creeping under dust-sheets and slashing open boxes — if you tear the tape you don't get a refund from the removal men — I plucked some knickers from a box marked "Del Monte". A shirt, amazingly, had managed to end up in my cupboard. But the "skirt" box was nowhere to be found. I used the one marked "leggings" instead.

Yes, we have moved house. Or rather, we're moving house: the moving doesn't stop once you're in. Who needs a gym when you can lift weights (boxes), do step-ups (the stairs) and stretches (reaching for everything permanently out of reach) in the comfort of your own new home?

Getting fit is just one joy. A second is the presence of the builders. At first I accepted the cliché that living with builders is a nightmare, akin in stress to divorce and bereavement. The writer Charles Glass opined recently that it was perfectly acceptable to kill your builders.

Builders, I knew, were smelly, beery, lazy beings who never turned up, missed deadlines, and went to the pub. They invaded your beautiful clean home, broke your kettle, and stained your newly installed kitchen worktop (which had taken months of argument to agree upon. Ours is raspberry red.) And horror of horrors, they missed the rim of the loo.



RACHEL KELLY

What tosh. You can learn to love your builders. I have. I will be sorry to see them go, however pleased my bank manager will be at their departure. For a start, I now wake in the morning to Capital Gold, and am learning to live quite happily without the *Today* programme. For a long time, I could never find the right frequency for Capital Gold, an excellent station which recalls those happy, boppy parties of my youth. Now I have four radios, one on each floor of the house, permanently tuned in to it, with added musical accompaniment from our builders.

Then there is the joy of talking in builderspeak and sharing the jokes inherent in communal living. The "redec" is coming along nicely, though the ensuite's vanity unit leaks and the rads aren't working yet, which means it is as cold as an Oxford college.

But the carpet is down in our bedroom, at least. Which leads to the subject of Mickey's socks. Mickey is one of four Micks who are working in the house — honest. (That's another joy of my builders: they are invariably called Mick, just like Pratts club, where all the waiters are called George.)

Mick has taken notice of the note I have pinned to our bedroom door. "To all builders: please take your shoes off before walking on our newly-installed carpet." The other, more macho, builders prefer to use dust-sheets. So Mick has become the butt of speculation among the other Micks as to whether potatoes would sprout in his socks.

After several weeks of communal life, I have been included in their jokes, and even the admittedly sexist ones are funnier than I would like to admit. I know about the wives of the Micks, about their children, about their enthusiasms and sadnesses. They in turn have become sponges for my ups and downs. I have confided in them about the row I had in the wallpaper shop; and they have dispensed tea and sympathy, having first mended my kettle.

And every day, some new magical step back towards civilisation has been taken in the house. There is probably another ten days to go of life with the builders. On their departure, I will be able to find a suit for work, but my life will be the poorer.

Danger of idle bones

Osteoporosis is not a female preserve. Annabel Ferriman reports on its male victims — including her own father

I remember the day that my father gave up exercise entirely. He had bought a remote control device for the television and boasted: "I don't even have to get out of my chair in the evenings to change the channel." Although he was a doctor, he despised the trend towards healthy living. He drank, smoked and drove everywhere. He used to quote Henry Ford's lesser known maxim: "Exercise is bunk. If you are healthy you don't need it: and if you are sick, you shouldn't take it."

So looking back, it is not surprising that, in his late sixties, he developed osteoporosis, or brittle bone disease. The disease is the result of the bones becoming thinner. Both men and women suffer bone loss as they get older, but the problem is more serious now than 30 years ago. Hip fractures in 60-year-olds of both sexes are twice as common as a generation back. Doctors now know that the bad habits which made my father's life fun are risk factors for the disease.

All the goody-two-shoes who advocate a monastic existence would no doubt claim that he got what he deserved. But it was a cruel punishment. The disorder, as sufferers will tell you, is misery. It leads to broken bones, loss of height, curvature of the spine and, often, intense back pain. In the end, it destroyed my father's life. It resulted in fractures of the wrist, hip and at least three vertebrae, and left him in constant agony.

Friends were always astonished when I told them that he had osteoporosis because the disease is seen as a disorder of women. In the last few years, pressure groups have publicised the dangers of the complaint for post-menopausal women and the preventive effects of hormone replacement therapy. Men have hardly been mentioned, yet they account for about 20 per cent of all cases.

Now the National Osteoporosis Society is redressing the balance. Next month, it is launching the first-ever patient booklet on osteoporosis in men, giving them advice on diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

"We realise that the problem in men is much under-recognised," says Rosemary Rowe, spokeswoman for the society. "One in eight men have a lifetime risk of the disease and it affects those under 50, as well as those above. People still see it as a woman-only disease, but we know from our members that it is not."

Dr Roger Francis, consultant physician at Newcastle General Hospital, who has made a special study of the problem in men, believes that it has been grossly underestimated.

"Many men go to doctors complaining of back pain and are not diagnosed, partly because doctors are unaware of it in men and also because back pain has so many causes, only one of which is osteoporosis."

He says doctors should suspect osteoporosis if a patient breaks a bone without suffering either a fall, a blow or some other obvious cause. The diagnosis can be confirmed by measuring bone density, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry. The next step is to discover if there are any possible secondary causes of the disease, such as an over-active thyroid gland, low testosterone levels or treatment with steroid drugs.

One patient who developed the disease through taking steroids is Malcolm Wheatley, a 49-year-old design engineer from Manchester. He was put on steroids in 1972 after developing acromegaly, resulting from a benign tumour of the pituitary gland.

Mr Wheatley first experienced problems with his bones eight years ago, when two vertebrae crumbled. But it was not diagnosed as osteoporosis. "I cannot blame the doctor for not spotting it because it was not something anyone thought about in those days," he says.

A year later, however, he broke his wrist and when it was X-rayed, the doctor noticed that he had exceptionally thin bones. Since then he has broken nine or ten vertebrae, several ribs and his sternum (breast bone). He has lost five inches in height and runs the risk of breaking a rib if he just bends over awkwardly.

The problem is so serious that Mr Wheatley, who is a divorced father of two, has had to give up work, give up driving, cannot go out in icy weather and cannot either stand or walk for long. He is frequently in pain, but will only take pain-killers if the pain goes above a certain level.

Unfortunately doctors cannot do a great deal for him, because he has to continue taking the steroids. He was recently prescribed a new and promising drug for his bones, but it upset his stomach, so he now just takes calcium and pain-killers.

Other causes of the disease are easier to sort out. Doctors can effectively treat patients with an overactive thyroid and other hormonal problems. A fifth of men with osteoporosis have low levels of testosterone, the principal male sex hormone, which is easily discernible through a blood test. These men can be given testosterone replacement treatment, which appears to have a beneficial effect on their bone density.

"The diagnosis of testosterone deficiency in men has to be handled sensitively," Dr Francis says. "Patients are usually pleased to discover there is something we can do to treat the cause of their bone-thinning. But there are potential problems. Testosterone replacement treatment might increase the sex drive a little, which may be unwelcome if they are getting on in years. We talk very carefully to patients about the potential benefits and side effects."

About half the male patients with osteoporosis do not have any obvious cause for their bone thinning, however. There is no proven treatment for this group, although several avenues look promising.

For those who are over 75, evidence suggests that giving vitamin D and calcium supplements may be useful. Vitamin D is necessary for the absorption of calcium, but its main source is sunlight, and many elderly people do not go outdoors much. Moreover, as people grow older, their ability to absorb calcium tends to fall.

Younger adults, who are able to absorb calcium, however, can get enough from a normal balanced diet. Adults need 800mg a day, about the level found in a pint of milk. Most people's diets contain at least that much.

For patients under 75, no drug has yet been proved to be effective. A new drug, etidronate, is undergoing trials and has been shown to be useful in women, but no scientific trials of it have been conducted in men. "It is a non-hormonal treatment," Dr Francis says. "The drug is an analogue of a naturally occurring substance called pyrophosphate. It homes in on the skeleton and acts on the cells which destroy the bone. It has been tested in open observational studies, but not in controlled trials. It looks promising but it is early days.

"All men with osteoporosis really need to be seen by an expert, so that their condition can be assessed and any treatment monitored. We monitor bone density every six months to see the effects of what we are doing."

● *For further information, send an SAE to National Osteoporosis Society, PO Box 10, Radstock, Bath BA3 3YB (0761 32472).*

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Osteoporosis sufferer Malcolm Wheatley has lost five inches in height; right, the spine of a 78-year-old victim reveals a collapsed vertebra

RISK FACTORS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS

- The menopause in women and low levels of testosterone in men
- Over-active thyroid gland
- Taking steroid drugs
- Lack of exercise, lack of sunlight, calcium deficiency
- Smoking and heavy drinking
- A family history of the disease

The bark that gives you a boost

An African tribal medicine is to be marketed as a cure for impotence

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



WHETHER inspired by Bienvenida, Lady Buck's account of her sex life with her lover, or depressed by her description of her former married life, older men have had plenty of opportunity recently to study the effect of age on sexual prowess. Most were relieved to read at the weekend that help may be forthcoming.

The power of the bark of the African tree, *Pausinstalia yohimbe*, which has been used in traditional tribal medicine since time immemorial as an aphrodisiac, is now about to be reproduced by Simtex laboratories, which are producing a synthetic version in the laboratory. After careful testing for safety in 20 centres worldwide, it will be marketed as a treatment for impotence.

In fact, Yohimbine hydrochloride has been available in established medicine for a long time. Mr Roger Kirby, consultant urologist at St Bartholomew's Hospital, says: "I have prescribed it for years. It is one of the few drugs which has been tested in double blind trials and has been found useful in treating both impotence and the loss of libido."

> In the majority of cases, impotence has a physical cause

In South Africa yohimbine has been combined with the hormone testosterone, Vitamin E, caffeine and even a bit of strychnine for good measure. Yohimbine hydrochloride contains a short-acting alpha adrenoceptor blocker, which, it is claimed, acts on the central nervous system to increase blood pressure and pulse rate; it has a psychological as well as a physical effect which combines to boost libido and enhance erections. Side-effects of mania and anxiety have been reported.

Improved means of studying penile blood flow by using Doppler colour imaging have enabled research into impotence to advance enormously in the last 20 years. Even as recently as the 1970s, men who became impotent from such prosaic causes as drinking too much, diabetes or drug treatment for high blood pressure, heart failure and angina were still being treated as psychological cases. Physiotherapists usually decided that the patient was displaying an unconscious desire to punish women, or was frightened of them, or of their own latent homosexuality.

Studies have shown that in the majority of cases a physical cause for the impotence can be demonstrated. The blood supply leading to the corpora, the spongey cavities which fill with blood during erection rather as a balloon fills with air, may be inadequate, as the arteries leading to the penis become narrowed in later years. Conversely, the corpora may fill with blood, but the valves may leak and they may soon be as flaccid as a balloon the day after a party.

Impotence in diabetic patients is due to several factors, including both damage to the blood supply and to the nerves. In theory, problems with blood supply can be treated surgically but the long-term results are often disappointing.

Ageing has an effect on the psychological and physiological approach to sex. Libido, sexual drive, falls; old men frequently complain that there are fewer attractive women around than there were in their youth, not realising that the fault lies in their falling hormone levels and not in their female companions' appearance. As testosterone levels fall, so do libido, potency and the youthful features of sexual arousal.

MR KIRBY says that it is this group of patients who may benefit most from treatment with yohimbine, usually combined with testosterone in some form, if tests show that their testosterone level is low. The same group of patients are also responsive to penile injections, and an improved injection, prostaglandin E1, more reliable than papaverine, is to be marketed next month as Caverject by Upjohns.

Many patients prefer to have an inflatable implant. Despite its greater cost (over £3,000) this is now considered preferable to the insertion of semi-rigid rods. Without investigations no patient should ever accept that potency problems are all in the mind. Treatments exist and are being improved constantly.

Breast cancer: the British disease

Out-of-date doctors are contributing to an unenviable record for Britain

Britain's record on breast cancer is the worst in the western world. We have the highest death rate and the incidence of the disease is rising. Millions of pounds spent on prevention, treatment and research have failed to reduce the toll.

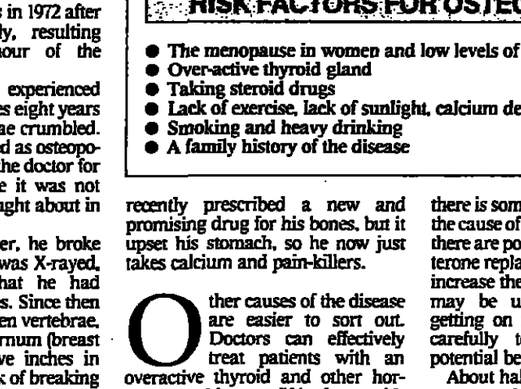
Confirmation of this unhappy record comes in figures from a survey of cancer registries in 11 European countries, including France, Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Denmark. They show wide variations in the proportion of women surviving five years from initial diagnosis, with an average of 66 per cent. Britain's rate, at the bottom of the league, is 60 per cent.

The report of the survey, Eurocare, financed by the European Union's health service research committee, covers all the major cancers and is due for publication in June. However the figures on breast cancer were released to BBC TV's *Panorama* programme, broadcast last night. According to the programme, the report says: "Many of the observed differences in cancer survival between populations ... are likely to depend largely on differences in access to health systems and in cancer care."

The implied criticism of the NHS is considered unduly harsh by British specialists. They say Britain's high death rate from breast cancer is linked to the high incidence of the disease, the reasons for which are little understood. Death rates vary up to two-fold among districts within Britain and specialists say this, too, is linked with differences in incidence.

However, standards of care for breast cancer patients vary widely among hospitals. It has been known for many years that women treated at specialist centres do better than those cared for in local district hospitals. Research shows that the inconvenience of extra travelling can buy extra years of life.

Doctors who have little involvement with breast cancer patients have failed to keep up to date with the latest treatments. Guidelines for the management of breast cancer published in 1986 were still being widely ignored by doctors four years later, according to a study published in the *British Medical Journal* earlier this year.



Finding a lump is the start of a medical lottery for many

The study of 400 patients by the Thames Cancer Registry found that only one in four patients had had their cancer properly assessed, although this was essential to provide the best treatment. Four out of ten women who should have been receiving chemotherapy were not getting it.

Dr Janine Bell, deputy director of the registry, said: "Women can have surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and hormonal treatment [Tamoxifen] for breast cancer. Most get surgery — that is fairly standard — but what else they get is very variable."

Breast cancer is more common in affluent areas but current research under way at the registry shows that women who live in poorer areas have a 25 per cent worse chance of survival. The reasons may be that poorer women fail to see their doctor for treatment soon enough, have poorer general health or get worse care.

"It has to be a possibility that these women are getting a poorer standard of care," said Dr Michel Coleman, director of the registry. "We are very concerned about that. There is something about the environment in which these women live which affects their chances of survival."

Dr Ian Fentiman, consultant surgeon and deputy director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's breast cancer unit at Guy's hospital, said on *Panorama*: "Breast cancer is treated in a very patchy way. There are centres where obviously the disease is well treated and women get the best chance of being cured of their disease but undoubtedly some women are missing out on the chance of being cured because what they're having is inadequate first-line treatment."

A survey by the British Association of Surgical Oncology, quoted by the programme, shows that more than half the surgeons treating breast cancer did so for only one fifth of their time. Specialists may see 400 new breast cancer cases a year but general surgeons may see only two. They are known as "dabblers".

Dr Fentiman said: "Surgeons are autonomous people. The idea of fitting in with guidelines is something that doesn't appeal to the surgical psyche. It may mean that the patient is being treated on the whim of the surgeon rather than on the basis of good, accurate evidence. There's a tremendous amount of published data on what we should be doing but many have chosen to ignore it."

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Schindler has much to tell us

Thomas Keneally argues that mankind is naturally racist

People discover race hatred the way lovers discover love. It always seems utterly new and fresh to the hater, who, like the lovers, feels that he has invented the emotion. And, like love, race hatred always expresses itself in the same clichés, uttered as if the hater had discovered the principles of the universe.

Racism is as human as love. In defining ourselves, the tribe we belong to, its mores, we are tempted to believe in the inferiority of the culture and mores of other groups. Sometimes, the grander the cultural identity, the greater the temptation to racism. The officers of the *Einsatzgruppen*, the SS killing squads, all loved their Mozart and their Goethe.

We often righteously sneer at the racial and religious violence in Northern Ireland and in the Balkans, but hatred in both these cases is based on versions of history and immeasurable blood spilt in the past. There is more than legend to what the Serbs and Croatians have done to each other since the Middle Ages, and to what Bosnian Muslims may once have done under Turkish rule.

Both Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland can similarly point to historic massacres, though they may be written too simple-mindedly into their respective folklores. In all cases, the hatred is merely augmented, rather than caused, by religious difference.



Keneally: hate goes on

Over every instance of race or group hatred falls the shadow of the Holocaust, and for the moment the Holocaust questions are associated with Steven Spielberg's film of my book *Schindler's List*.

As an Australian of Irish Catholic background, I have no hesitation in saying that the Holocaust should be talked about again and again, and should not be forgotten. For the Holocaust is the most extreme version of race hatred in European history.

Classic European anti-Semitism was based more on the idea that the Jews had killed Christ and were engaged in an anti-European conspiracy than on any measurable harm done to Europe. No one could point to Jewish massacres of Christians, though in Poland and Germany, vague but intense hatreds were manipulated to make people blame Jews for economic problems. But who could say, "My mother was raped by a Jew, my father hanged by one"?

The SS mastered the ultimate challenge of genocide: once the hated group are where you want them — behind wire — how do you ensure that your now-perfected kingdom isn't sullied by too many corpses lying around and giving mute evidence of what has happened? It's a question of processing the hated group. The Nazis devised the most bureaucratic, most extreme, most technological means of doing that.

No doubt the Cambodian tyrant Pol Pot would have loved to be able to organise such methods to punish those of his own people who lacked "political correctness". No doubt the tyrant Mengistu of Ethiopia would have loved to be able to apply a Final Solution to the Eritreans of the Horn of Africa. But the Nazis really did it, and they were Europeans. As a European who grew up very far from the scene, I don't feel uselessly guilty about that, but I feel amazed and appalled.

On a recent Sunday in Chicago, I met an elderly couple, the Schlesingers. A tall, sober-looking man and a small-boned, extremely handsome woman, they had been prisoners in Oskar Schindler's work camps. I was again struck by the absurdity of the idea to which all the resources of the Reich were devoted: the idea that European civilisation and the Schlesingers could not coexist. The Schlesingers, urbane and pleasant as they are, could not be permitted to go on breathing. Only Schindler's intervention and their own intelligence ensured that they did continue to breathe.

Perhaps one shouldn't be surprised, since the racist always talks in terms of mass extermination. The last station on the hate line in his head is always something like Auschwitz, which stands as the most graphic instance of the kind of place to which hatred takes people.

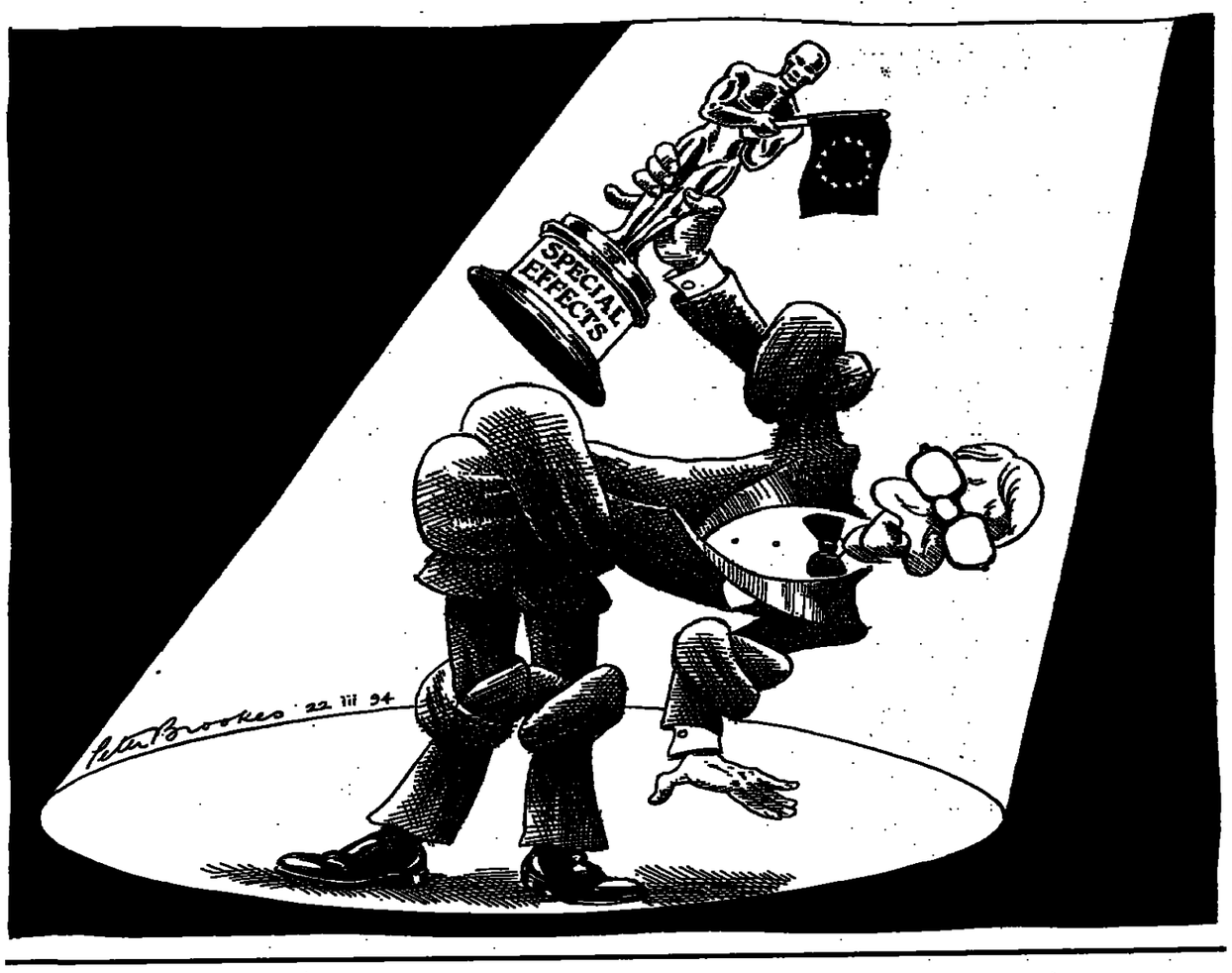
And now the further great irony is that Jews like Steven Spielberg are actually blamed for remembering, for reviving the memory that belongs not to the Jews alone, but to humanity.

The Jews, we are told by the haters, remember their disasters in a particularly and hatefully Jewish way. Christians are allowed to remember the Crucifixion of their Messiah, which occurred some time in the 1st century AD, but Jews should be disqualified from remembering their dead of 1939-45 because they are too good at it, too damned . . . Jewish!

For me the Holocaust remains not a Jewish problem but a European one. The Germans are grappling with a conflict among their historians about how to fit this unique event into German history, into the German and European imagination. And that is not the Jews' fault. It is the fault of Europe, which has pursued anti-Semitism consistently since the Middle Ages and has not yet repented of it.

It is the Europe — grand Europe, which all of us from the New World love to visit and rightly admire — which brought race hatred to its ultimate pitch. That is why it is important for Gentiles to retain the memory of the Holocaust and to heed the warnings inherent in it.

Schindler's List is published by Sceptre at £5.99.



The pornography of fear

Anxiety about crime has become a marketable commodity, like sex

Simon Jenkins

I almost give up. A survey by MORI for *Reader's Digest* shows a savage increase of 17 per cent in "fear of crime" over the past seven years. I can believe it. I doubt if anything, even poverty, has a more depressing effect on the nation's quality of life. The fear is real. Is it justified?

Britain has one of the lowest crime rates in Europe, yet it has the highest fear of crime. Fear of all categories of crime has risen. British people are worked into an insensate jelly, shut up in their fortresses, gawping at newscasts of murders and rapes, quivering before *Crimewatch*, shuddering as security leaflets cascade through the letterbox. What are we doing to ourselves?

Fear of crime is not crime. It is fear. Fear of war is not war. It is fear. Fear is the most lethal ingredient in the political stew. Burke pleaded with his audience that "no passion so effectually robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear". Fear is the cheapest and most cynical weapon in the political armoury. The politician plays on public insecurity to invite a blind faith in his protection. Such has long been the essence of fascism. A bleak comment on British politics is that both parties have made crime and the fear of it their number one "issue" for 1994.

The MORI poll is unequivocal. This is not some "police-reported crime statistic" of the sort regularly and mendaciously collated by the Home Office. This is a measure of something real. Three-quarters of the population fear being burgled, half fear being mugged. Forty per cent are afraid to go out at night or of being attacked in their own home. More than half of all women fear being raped, as do almost 80 per cent of women under 25.

Such surveys, though real, are partial. This one does not mention *two of the most common crimes* — violence in or near the home, and car crime — perhaps because they are familiar and people fear them less. Nor does it enquire into the scale of fear, or how it relates to personal experience. I am mildly afraid of being burgled, but not very afraid of being mugged. My car radio has gone so often I do not "fear" it going at all. I am terrified of a being attacked at home when I hear a noise on the stairs at night, but the fear passes when I realise it is the dog. In each case there is fear. Is it a mild, adrenalin-inducing fear or a debilitating, life-changing one?

The difference matters. A policy to combat real crime might be distinct from one to combat the more prevalent evil of fear. Statisticians tell us that for every person who reports a crime, another three experience one they do not report. Perhaps it was not serious, perhaps they cannot be bothered. All these victims must fear crime. So too must their friends and relatives. For them, the link between fear and acual crime is direct. If crimes falls, fear should fall.

But to these must be added tens of thousands whose fear — particularly of violent crime — is not first-hand, but derived from the media or the recycled anecdotes of friends and acquaintances. At this point, fear takes on a new dimension. It grows exponentially, like rumour in wartime. One woman is robbed in her car on the motorway and suddenly every motorway is a "crimeway". A feature of fear is that it is not rational. It is born of fact but fuelled by imagination. Such fear changes the way we live as much as the shock of being victimised.

The violent crime which women mostly suffer (though no one asks them if they fear it) is being attacked in or near their home by a partner or somebody else they know. Some 1.3 per cent of women are attacked annually, an alarmingly high number and almost impossible for the police to combat. On the other hand, being raped by a stranger or attacked on public transport at night is so uncommon as to be unmeasurable in the British Crime Survey. Yet fear of the latter far outstrips fear of the former. A recent Leicester report found that 30 per cent of women not only feared rape but actually expected it in the next year, an expectation with not the slightest link to reality.

This can be partly explained. People feel they can handle some dangers better then others. Men are not afraid of street violence, though they are the more at risk of it. The fear is not so much of the crime itself as of the unknown assailant. A rising trend of true crime is seized on by press and politicians and made to seem a national, and not just a personal, cataclysm. This can sometimes border on hysteria and has no impact on the level of crime. This rises or falls independently of government policy. (The theory that some anti-crime policies "work", rather than just costing money, would be laughable were it not espoused by politicians who are otherwise practical, even sensible.) But the attention does have another impact, on the *fear* of crime — which duly increases.

This does no good and much harm. It is statistical terrorism. Probably the safest place a woman can be in London in the evening is sitting on a Tube train; the least safe place is sitting with a partner at home or in a pub or club. What good is served by implying the opposite? Domestic violence is regarded as somehow not so serious, almost not to be feared. But I repeat, what good is served by driving women off the Tube or away from streets at night by implying that a rare incident is commonplace? The New York transit authority recently banned all filming on its subway trains. The film industry's constant portrayal of subways as scenes of violence and mayhem was emptying them. Yet there is less violent crime on the subway than anywhere else in New York's streets, parks, apartments, bars.

Britain is wallowing in the pornography of fear. While "crimewaves" have always been the stuff of newspapers, the downmarket trend of television news and the growth of "crimescarer" programmes is recent. *Reader's Digest* presents its new survey thus: a pretty, nervous girl hovers over a headline, "Crime's spectre haunts Europe: theft is rife, guns abound and children are killing children". The same sexually charged message lies behind such programmes as *Crimebuster*, *Crime Monthly*, *Crimewatch*, *Crimestopper* and *Michael Winner's True Crimes*. Tabloid editors excuse sexual exposés as being "to protect national security". These programmes are no less hypocritical. They purport to be offering a public service, fighting crime. They are really exploiting fear to boost ratings, which is why they are proliferating. They concentrate on violence and crimes against women. For every crime they solve, a hundred thousand viewers are made afraid to go out or of answering the door. Were I in the censorship business — which I am not — I would ban them.

The media say that highlighting an evil helps cure it. Politicians say the same. Rubbish. Media coverage of crime highlights one evil at the cost of exacerbating a far worse one, fear. When the BBC's James Naughtie interviewed MORI's Robert Worcester about his survey yesterday, he asked the standard something-must-be-done question: "What do people feel the authorities, the Government, should do about it?" What was the "it" to which Mr Naughtie referred? Not fear of crime, but crime itself. This meant, they could chat about sentencing policy, capital punishment and police numbers. They did not have to discuss the media exploitation of crime. That would have turned the spotlight back on *them* as they gaily stoked the fires of fear, courtesy of *Reader's Digest*.

If throwing more young people into jail and more police on the streets could reduce fear of crime, Mr Worcester's survey would be showing a reverse trend. Instead we have a grimly predictable result. More policemen, more neighbourhood watches, more barricades and security leaflets and more media coverage have not only left crime undaunted, they have worsened fear. Fear has become a marketable commodity, like sex. It is used to sell personal alarms, car phones, video systems, steel grilles. It promotes right-wing politicians, sells newspapers, redesigns blocks of flats. Fear is big money. If crime fell, I bet this industry would make sure fear continued to rise.

Yet this dark tale contains one golden thread. When asked what they regard as the main cause of crime in Britain, respondents put drugs and unemployment at the top of the list. There was a reduced emphasis on sentencing policy and parental discipline. This is oddly sensible. Perhaps the worm is turning. Perhaps the public is proving more intelligent than those who purport to lead or influence it. What popped out last after the horrors of Pandora's box? Was it not hope?

Bernard Levin will appear tomorrow.

Germany is the real question

George Brock on the future shape of Europe

An EU diplomat was musing over the weekend about the strange, slow-motion way in which Europe's governments seem to be sleep-walking towards yet another paralysing crisis over Britain and Spain's demands to fiddle with the way in which voting rules are applied when new states join the Union.

"The idea was that a week of pressure would help to isolate the British," he said, "but that kind of pressure hasn't materialised. I don't think that Mr Major has been swamped with telephone calls. People seem to be paying more attention to the row between France and Germany." Whether Douglas Hurd wins, loses or draws when he comes to Brussels today to negotiate once again about majority voting, the diplomat had spotted something important and peculiar.

The fragile consensus between the governments which created the Maastricht treaty has come apart, leaving a querulous vacuum. Governments do not know what they want for the EU, but most have recently caught sight of something that most of them certainly dislike: a new German activism. Beneath the surface of the voting row, Germany's neighbours are once again trying to work out what their giant neighbour is up to. Lurking anxieties were roused again by reports that Germany's unsubtle Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, had threatened to "break the spine" of his Spanish opposite number during a recent deadlock over Norwegian fish.

Almost by accident, John Major has been the unlikely catalyst for both the worries about Germany and a sudden, ill-prepared debate over one of the most basic questions the EU ever asks itself: how much power should the majority wield over the minority? Ministers may claim to be defending the status quo, but Britain is arguing a radically subversive case.

Ten governments want to adjust the voting proportions using the arithmetic used every time the old EC expanded in the past. Britain and Spain, now very close to postponing the entry of up to four small new members for six months or more, insist that this is the moment to start correcting the system's bias against large states. But angry as other governments may be about Anglo-Spanish obduracy, their real worry revolves round Germany.

Since reunification, Germany's population has been one and a half times the size of that of Britain or France. British ministers are already dropping hints that they will support an increase in Germany's voting weight. Other governments may not feel so magnanimous.

Two biases were built into the original six-nation EEC in the 1950s, and both were designed to hamstring Germany's power. First, Germany and France had equal weight and billing throughout, and second, the small Benelux countries were granted votes and status out of all proportion to their populations.

But now, German politicians are starting to toy with schemes which give great power to the only state in the system with more than 20 per cent of the EU's population. When Dr Kinkel all but elbows a Greek minister out of the chair during the talks to admit four new states and takes charge, a chill runs down French spines. When Spain proposes that the new voting system explicitly acknowledge the weight of larger states, Benelux governments dig in their heels.

The turbulence of the past two years poses new questions to new actors. Some of the older targets of British suspicion are retiring: Jacques Delors leaves Brussels at the end of this year; President Mitterrand retires next spring. German voters may forcibly retire Chancellor Kohl this autumn.

But suppose that Herr Kohl is replaced by the Social Democrat leader Rudolf Scharping, and President Mitterrand by Edouard Balladur; and suppose that M Delors's place at the head of the European Commission is taken by the present Dutch Prime Minister, Ruud Lubbers. Britain would still face insistent pressure to "deepen" the EU from these men, although they would preach less classical federalism than their predecessors. Germany, though not especially interested in a United States of Europe, is desperately keen to make the EU a stable anchor for east and central Europe to cling to, as ethnic disputes and economic struggle fracture the former communist world. France will want increases in majority voting when it finds itself in a natural majority. The fight over Germany's role is liable to be ferocious.

British ministers have little to gain from dodging these matters. The current argument about how to operate the Union with four new members is a rehearsal for greater and still noisier ones looming when the Union tackles the admission of states from Eastern Europe. Does Mr Major believe that Britain should hold on to its current blocking powers in a Union of, say, 26 states? Britain has forced the rest of the EU to confront this issue. The least Mr Major might do is give us a clue about his answer.

Springing eternal

WITH the Oscars out of the way, a high-powered posse of Brits will shortly be on the road to Hollywood. Their mission: to rebuild the reputation of the veteran film star Bob Hope, after its recent battering at the hands of Arthur Marx. Marx caused consternation in his recent biography by branding both Hope and his long-time co-star Bing Crosby as inveterate womanisers. But now the British cavalry are coming to the rescue.

Led by the Duke of York, they will ride into tinsel-town to attend a fundraising dinner for the American Air Museum which the Imperial War Museum plans to build at Duxford, the wartime airbase in Cambridgeshire. Hope will be guest of honour.

"The dinner will be partly in honour of Bob Hope, for his role in entertaining the troops during the last war," says the Imperial War Museum's director, Dr Alan Borg, who will be joined in the Duke's escort party by Field Marshal Lord Bramall, chairman of the museum's trustees.

"Hope is 90 this year and I think it is only right that he should be honoured in this way. Since we now know that he was at Duxford in 1943, I hope we can persuade him to come back."

The evening will be hosted by Charlton Heston, a rear-gunner during the war. Among the 400 guests expected are Kirk Douglas, Shirley MacLaine, Jack Lemmon and Gene Kelly.

Suffice it to say, Borg and Bramall are delighted to be keeping such company. "Good heavens, yes. I'm a great fan of Bob Hope," Borg enthuses. "And I am delighted to get to know Charlton Heston because I remember *Ben Hur* and his other films from my youth. He was splendid."



DIARY

New republicans

DESPITE his humiliating rebuff from the Garrick, Jeremy Paxman is clearly in no mood to make concessions to the Establishment. Next week the languorous *Newsnight* presenter is to front a television programme arguing for abolition of the monarchy.

But Paxman's credentials for presenting BBC2's *Elizabeth The Last: The Radical Option* — in which he introduces his audience to some of the country's foremost republicans — are open to question. After all, it is only four years since he touched on the subject in his book *Friends in High Places*: "Republicanism has failed to become a serious issue in 20th-century politics," he wrote.

Paxman is in South Africa, but the producer, Roger Bolton, rallies to his defence. "Things have changed, but I think it was probably true at the time he wrote it."

Back pages

SIR JOHN GIELGUD wishes to keep a becomingly low profile for his 90th birthday next month, but it is clear that modesty has not always been part of the stage knight's nature. Gielgud's precocious teenage thoughts on the plays he went to between 1920 and 1925 are to be published on his birthday.

A 1924 performance of Noel Coward's first play, *The Vortex*, in which Coward played the dope fiend Nicky Lancaster, was fine. Except, that is, for one performance: "Coward himself lacked charm and personality and played the piano too loudly." Somerset Maugham's play, *East of Suez*, was dismissed by the 18-year-old Gielgud as "badly written, the scenes loosely strung together and the writing on the whole bad and faulty".

The book, *Notes from the Gods*, is culled from theatre programmes Gielgud scribbled on when he went to the plays and which his mother presented many years ago to the Mander & Mitchenson theatre collection in Beckenham, Kent. They have never been displayed, which is perhaps just as well, given some of his views. "Unspeakable," he scribbled during Barry Jackson's notorious *Hamlet* in 1925, the first production in modern dress.

● *Well, you can't blame the Opposition for trying. With Douglas Hurd struggling to hold on to Britain's minority voting rights in Brussels, Labour MP Paul Flynn asked whether the Prime Minister would support a measure to introduce a block on parliamentary Bills in the British Parliament if 27 per cent of MPs opposed them? Vetoed immediately, sadly.*

Rock of ages ago

NO SOONER are the doubts surrounding the death of Jimi Hendrix more or less dispelled than another rock mystery presents itself again. This time it is the turn of Brian Jones, the Rolling Stones guitarist who was found dead in his swimming pool 25 years ago.

Virgin Publishing is hoping to mark the anniversary by finally answering the question "Who Killed Brian Jones?" in a book by Canadian Jeffrey Giuliano. Laura Jackson, who wrote the book *Golden Stones*, agrees that 25 years on many uncertainties remain. "A smokescreen was created shortly after Brian died," says Jackson. But she declines to name the guilty, adding mysteriously: "Should all the people concerned die, the situation will change."

The group is unruffled. "All I know is that there is a book being planned on Brian Jones," says a laid-back spokesman. "And it will shed new light — yawn. On his death — yawn, yawn."

● *The villagers of Hemingford Grey are still smarting after the Prime Minister's heavy-handed intervention over the location of the village phone box (he took the view that the box, in his old village, was an eyesore and had it moved). Now the Hemingford Grey T-shirt has arrived. It shows John Major chained inside the box, and it is selling like hot phone cards. "We've sold about 90 so far," says a resident, Peter Tamblin. Whether they'll make a difference remains to be seen, but at least we had a swipe at the system."*

BUILDING BLOCKS

Britain and Spain are the good Europeans now

The charges to be levelled against Britain and Spain by their European partners today are as false as they are predictable. The two countries opposing an increase in the size of the blocking veto on majority decisions will be accused of holding up the enlargement of the Community, of being obstructionist, isolationist and anti-European. Neither London nor Madrid should be deterred.

Even if agreement cannot be reached today, it is nonsense to suggest that the deadlock is holding up the admission of the four new members. The European Parliament argues that it must vote on the accession of the new states in May so that those countries can hold referendums on membership, pass the relevant laws in their parliaments and join in January of next year. Britain is as keen as any other country for the four to be in the EC in time for the inter-governmental conference (IGC) of 1996. It is happy to be joined by three Protestant, northern European countries in arguments about national sovereignty versus federalism.

But tonight's so-called deadline for agreement is by no means final. The Parliament has to work its way through 29 complex chapters containing the terms for enlargement before it can vote in May. Twenty-eight of those chapters have already been delivered; only the last, containing the voting mechanism, remains undecided. MEPs can and should start work now on the others.

Even if the vote were to be delayed, that would be no great disaster. There is nothing magical about the date of January 1995. New members could join on the first day of any month between then and January 1996 in order to take part in the IGC. Some fear that their citizenry would be less likely to support membership if the referendums were held this autumn rather than in the summer. If national sentiment is that finely balanced, they should think twice about joining at all.

Douglas Hurd must dispatch his critics' arguments with brio today. He should reiterate his words in Ireland yesterday: that to fight for national sovereignty and subsidiarity "is not to be hostile or half-hearted about Europe" — it is to be a better European because it more closely reflects the views of the people of Europe. As John Naisbitt argued in the *Times* essay yesterday, the more integrated the economies of the world become, the more tenaciously people may cling to national or tribal identities. Politicians ignore that trend at their peril. It can be controlled and steered but it cannot be wished away.

Britain's Conservatives are self-evidently on the right side of this issue — which is an excellent illustration of the difference between the Tories' vision of Europe and those of Labour and the Liberal Democrats. Yet they seem strangely subdued on the subject. Labour's shadow Europe minister, Joyce Quin, yesterday accused the Government of antagonising its European partners and making "a huge mountain out of a molehill". Once again, Labour has seized an idea — that of a federal Europe — long after its time has past. Tories must exploit that mistake.

The party is more united on this aspect of the European debate than it has been on many others. Sir Edward Heath and Hugh Dykes may be a lost cause. But the jostling for leadership at the top of the party has ensured that the two most outspoken pro-Europeans in the Cabinet — Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine — are now supporting Mr Hurd. Those many backbenchers who voted for Maastricht only with a very heavy heart are now relieved to see the Government back on side.

This is a great political opportunity for John Major. His party is fighting for Britain's interests abroad; and none of his rivals would do so. The Prime Minister should worry less about being liked abroad and more about sentiment at home. No other European country is so apologetic or defensive about standing up for itself.

BUTHELEZI'S RESPONSIBILITY

The provincial elections are Inkatha's only legitimate option

Just like the execution of three white extremists on a dusty road in Bophuthatswana, the report of the Goldstone commission of enquiry is a watershed in the politics of post-apartheid South Africa. It has stripped away another layer of illusion and laid bare uncomfortable realities: three of the most senior officers of the South African police stand accused of arming and training members of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), engaged in a campaign of violence against the African National Congress (ANC). It has also focused particular attention on President de Klerk and the leader of the IFP, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Mr de Klerk does not emerge from the report with credit. But it would be cruel to hold him responsible: the head of government cannot answer for the activities of "rogue elements" — however senior — intent on subversion. And it is not in the interests of the ANC to pursue him either. He is the most valuable partner Nelson Mandela has. Considerable damage has been done, however, to the already tattered reputation of Chief Buthelezi. His party's links with the unsavoury "dirty tricks department" of the police bring its anti-election agenda into sharp perspective. Chief Buthelezi's assertion that he is battling for a "truly democratic" country has a most hollow ring.

He has lost the little international sympathy he had. The government and the ANC have acceded to all of his original demands. But the Chief is never satisfied. His most recent demand, that there be international mediation on constitutional amendments, cannot be fulfilled without postponing the elections. Mr Mandela is loath to agree to that: he has no faith in Chief Buthelezi's democratic *bona fides*.

Mr Mandela's position is understandable. He and Mr de Klerk have made every effort to accommodate Chief Buthelezi's legitimate apprehensions. It is his illegitimate methods to which they object. If the IFP fears a one-party state after the elections, a disruption of the polls is not the most rational way to insure against that. Its right to boycott the poll is unquestioned; but, equally, those in Natal-KwaZulu who wish to vote must not be stopped from doing so. Chief Buthelezi's call to Zulus to wage a "struggle of liberation", and King Goodwill's secessionist bid, are an inflammatory incitement to violence.

Mr de Klerk should try to exploit Chief Buthelezi's post-Goldstone weakness. There is time yet for the IFP to agree to participate in the provincial elections, even though registration for the national elections has closed. Legally, his chief ministership of the homeland will lapse after the elections: winning at the polls constitutes the only legitimate way for him to remain in control, perhaps in alliance with the National Party.

The South African Defence Force (SADF) should now be deployed in Natal-KwaZulu in large numbers. As events in Bophuthatswana demonstrated, their loyalty can be counted upon. The Goldstone commission's report left the reputation of the SADF unsullied; and the ANC has consistently called for them to replace the police in the townships. It is ironic that the ANC should rely, for the conduct of peaceful elections, on the vigilance of soldiers against whom it was recently at war. But this irony, unfortunately, seems lost on Chief Buthelezi.

REST IN PIECES

Written-off cars belong in the scrapyard, not on the road

To most motorists, a car written off is a car sent to the scrapyard. But, as *The Times* reports today, a remarkable proportion of vehicles so categorised by insurance companies find their way back on to the road by one means or another. According to some estimates, a quarter of all cars sold privately now fall into this category. Given that more than 400,000 vehicles are written off each year, this statistic should alarm all concerned with road safety and consumer rights.

The risks in allowing such vehicles back on the road are greater than some salvage companies admit. The structures of modern cars are designed to respond in a particular way to a major impact, reducing the likelihood of injury to passengers. Once this has happened, the vehicle is not meant to be rebuilt. While it is often possible to patch up damage to bodywork or suspension — in some extreme cases by welding together the front and back ends of separate cars — such repairs rarely restore the car to safe working order. The purchaser of a vehicle that has been written off takes a risk that may not become clear until it is too late.

This thriving market also helps car thieves, who buy written-off vehicles in order to use their registration details to sell stolen cars with a false identity. It is clearly in the public interest, therefore, that such loopholes be closed. The legal penalties for selling unroadworthy vehicles may have to be tightened: but the essence of reform should be improved access for consumers to information about the history of the cars that they buy. Until recently, member companies of the Association of British Insurers provided the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) with details of every written-off car. This requirement should be restored and the information made available to the public.

A sensible corollary would be to dispense with the term "write-off" altogether. At present, the label is applied sweepingly to all badly damaged vehicles. It would be better to subdivide this category into cars "fit for scrap" and those which are "damage repairable". The latter classification would be recorded on the car's registration document, encouraging prospective owners to take the greatest care when viewing a second-hand car.

The former, in contrast, would be an irrevocable death sentence upon a vehicle. The National Salvage Group, which represents a number of salvage companies, is trying out a "certificate of destruction" document which would be registered with the DVLA to make resale of the car almost impossible. This is a sensible measure but will not be enough in itself. The trade in potentially lethal cars will not be effectively restricted until insurance companies are made legally responsible to ensure the destruction of the cars they sell for scrap. The small additional cost this might add to insurance premiums is surely one which most motorists would think was worth paying.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Positive policy on European Union

From Councillor Harvey R. Cole

Sir, As the Foreign Secretary flies to Brussels for his extended negotiations on enlarging the European Union (report, March 21), he would do well to ask himself why it is that Britain approaches any organisation it reluctantly joins in an invariably negative and suspicious manner?

Why do we regard membership rules — which apply equally to others — as deliberately framed to undermine our interests and institutions? Why are we so much more concerned to stop things happening and to arm ourselves with a veto than with the opportunities to persuade our partners to positive initiatives?

Why are we so anxious to ensure that we shall need in an enlarged Europe four more supporting votes than we now require to see our ideas become reality?

Perhaps Mr Hurd can refrain from using his favourite pugilistic image. He may wish to see Britain able to "punch above its weight", but how tactful is this when the usual targets of our blows are our friends, allies and colleagues?

Yours etc,
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(Deputy leader, Liberal Democrat Group, Hampshire County Council),
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March 21.

From Mr Adam Fergusson

Sir, I regret that Lord Rees-Mogg should concentrate at such length ("Britain won't stand it", March 17), not on how to construct and improve the European Union, but on how to hamstring it — not on how to put together majorities for sensible decisions, but on the size of minorities to block them.

This negativism must be the surest way to realise his prediction that "the Delors project, which sees Europe as a quasi-socialist, non-democratic authority on high, will continue to be pushed ahead stealthily, cumulatively and manipulatively". Britain, he says, will not put up with that; and that must be made plain to our European partners.

Even if Lord Rees-Mogg will not believe that we have enough partners who share his (and my) objections to quasi-socialism and non-democracy, I suppose he accepts that they will not put up with his own preference, a Community "capable only of being a limited, co-operative inter-governmental body".

The lesson they still draw from their common history persuades them of the need for something more effective and rather nobler.

I am sure that Lord Rees-Mogg understands that. But, unlike him, I profoundly hope that Douglas Hurd will find a compromise this week that will draw us closer to our partners, not damn us.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM FERGUSSON,
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March 20.

From Mr P. G. Bateson

Sir, Twenty-three European Union votes — the minimum needed to block legislation — out of 76 equals 30.26 per cent. Three countries out of 12 is a quarter. When membership is enlarged, the proposed 27 votes out of 90 equal 30 per cent. Four countries out of 16 is still a quarter. No adverse change there.

So there isn't a problem, and we can agree with our partners immediately.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BATESON,
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Winchester, Hampshire.
March 16.

Bosnia conflict

From Dr Robert McGeehan

Sir, Is Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose as wise as he is brave? Even if the answer is affirmative, he is accelerating a profound change in the role of the United Nations in Bosnia which has not been sufficiently considered.

In brief, UN humanitarian relief forces are becoming peacekeepers bit by bit without the resources to sustain such a role. If the present ceasefires (report, March 21) collapse, the risk of the UN willy-nilly becoming party to the conflict is enormous.

Is it yet appreciated that Nato's threat to use air power around Sarajevo was a "success" thanks mainly to the Russians? Is there any chance of a peacemaking effort (or, for that matter, a peacekeeping attempt) working without American involvement on the ground? Would a US president up to his neck in scandal risk an unpopular military intervention in Bosnia just as American forces leave Somalia?

Britain having wisely declined to take an active combat role in an open-ended conflict thus far, has the situation really changed so fundamentally that it is worth testing the slippery slope of Serbian pusillanimity?

Yours faithfully,
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Impact of local government reform

From the Vice-Chairman of the Association of District Councils

Sir, It is absurd to suggest, as your editorial ("If it ain't broke", March 16) did, that it is because the Prime Minister is "digging his heels in" that local government reform continues in England. The need to review local government carries the support of the Cabinet, the whole Government, the Opposition front bench, an overwhelming majority of MPs and hundreds of councils.

I would also take issue with the suggestion that John Gummer supports the policy in public but not in private. He, David Curry and their departmental colleagues have fully supported the need for the review.

The object of the exercise is not "mechanistic change" but to offer people the possibility of one council based closer to where they live, instead of the confusion of two tiers. Poll after poll shows a two-to-one majority for change to single-tier, unitary councils. A meaningful, easy-to-understand unitary system offers revitalised participation in local democracy and greater local pride.

Yours faithfully,
ELGAR JENKINS,
Vice-Chairman,
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26 Chapter Street, SW1.
March 17.

From Sir John Banham, Chairman, Local Government Commission for England

Sir, I was interested to read your leader about local government reorganisation. I recall using the phrase, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", on countless occasions, not just in the context of the present review, but also during the 1974 reorganisation of the National Health Service, in which I was directly involved.

In my experience, administrative change in the public service invariably takes longer, costs more and delivers less than enthusiastic proponents of the change ever anticipate.

More importantly, the Local Government Commission for England's progress report, published last December, makes crystal clear the commission's view that:

It will be most unwise to press ahead with changes to create unitary authorities unless there is clear local support for change and there are local champions for particular local situations. There are advantages to the existing two-tier structure [particularly in rural areas]. If it is to be replaced, it must be with something better.

This philosophy has informed all our recommendations so far. Thus, the sensible solution you describe is precisely that towards which the commission is working, and has always been working; and it is one which we confidently expect to emerge from the review — notwithstanding the pressures from the various vested interests.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BANHAM,
Chairman,
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Brettenham House,
Lancaster Place, WC2.
March 21.

From the Leader of the London Borough of Waltham Forest

Sir, I enjoyed Chris Shepherd's version of unitary local government in his article, "Local government without tiers" (Management, March 17), but I fear his assertions are not borne out by experience of unitary government in London.

He is wrong to assert that there has been no clamour to change unitary councils. In London the polls consistently show that most Londoners would welcome the return of a body filling the role of the Greater London Council. We *do* have difficulty with strategic issues. London has poor roads, declining public transport and planning systems that by concentrating solely on the unitary authority make it hard to deal with wider development issues.

The vision that councils would work in partnership to attain these ends is laudable, if naive, and self-evidently concedes the need for a strategic overview on a greater level than the relatively small unitary council. Where the current review fails is that in its obsession with unitary councils it is missing the opportunity to properly address where separation would be in the public interest, and conversely where amalgamation would provide a better service.

London deserves better than it has received since the GLC was abolished, and in the review of the shires the Government must ensure that those mistakes are not repeated.

Yours faithfully,
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March 17.

Truth to tell

From Lord Beaumont of Whitley

Sir, Is it relevant to the debate on "telling the truth in Parliament" (letters, March 10, 17) that after the Suez crisis the two members who had consistently and deliberately misled the House of Commons [Anthony Eden and Selwyn Lloyd] were rewarded by an earldom and the Speakership of the House of Commons?

Yours faithfully,
TIM BEAUMONT,
House of Lords.
March 18.

From Mr A. H. Brodhurst

Sir, Truth *must* be the norm. Surely Noel Annan said it all in his *Own Age*:

Winchester was renowned for producing Civil Servants skilled in the art of drafting for their Minister answers to Parliamentary questions that came as close as possible to accuracy without actually telling the truth.

Yours in truth,
A. H. BRODHURST,
April Cottage, Park Lane,
Twyford, Winchester, Hampshire.
March 15.

From the Earl of Carlisle

Sir, It is (perhaps unfairly) believed that Stanley Baldwin, known as "honest" Stanley Baldwin, admitted that he had not told the country the truth about our inadequate defences. He is also alleged to have said that, had he done so, he would not have won the 1935 election, and Britain might not have won the Second World War.

What Mr Waldegrave has said is a mere peccadillo (a Spanish word used by politicians).

Yours faithfully,
CARLISLE,
Boodle's, St James's Street, SW1.
March 10.

From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC

Sir, On November 10, 1992, after the statement on Matrix Churchill, I asked whether it was right to prosecute people who have implemented government policy, and to withhold evidence which could only have secured an acquittal (Hansard, vol 540, no 6, col 110/111).

It was said that the discontinuance of the trial was due to the evidence of Mr Alan Clark, which cast a new light on the circumstances which were not then known to the Government or to the independent prosecutor; and that the minister concerned signed the certificates in the full knowledge that the matter would be explored by the court.

But as Lord Howe of Aberavon points out in his letter of March 12 (other letter, March 15), the question is "why and how the directors came to face trial at all": the central purpose of the Scott enquiry.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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Help with speech

From Miss Elizabeth Marden

Sir, In your report, leading article and Focus on the SpeakWatch campaign (March 14), you stress the importance of interaction between adults and children from an early age.

In trying to account for a significant increase in the number of speech-impaired children, attention has focused on the effect of television and sophisticated toys, but there is one other factor which may also contribute, and which could very easily be remedied: the current design of most children's pushchairs.

In the old-fashioned pushchair or pram, the baby or toddler faced his parent, which allowed for constant reciprocal communication, both verbal and visual. What one too often sees today in the forward-facing pushchair is a silent child with a blank, bored expression, who has no opportunity to question or comment on what he sees.

In addition to being of actual benefit to the child, the rear-facing arrangement is much more interesting and enjoyable for *both* parties; perhaps the current debate will provoke a demand for a change.

Yours faithfully,
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March 15.

Overvalued homes

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, As a chartered surveyor, I read with interest Mary Wilson's article (Homes, March 9) referring to the financial plight of Sara Moss and her parents, following the repossession of Ms Moss's £39,950 cottage by the Halifax Building Society and its subsequent sale at auction for £8,000.

It is not uncommon in cases similar to that of the above family, if the security for the mortgage was presumably overvalued by a surveyor, for the building society to commence legal proceedings against the surveyor it has used, where there has been financial loss as a result of his possible gross overvaluation.

One wonders whether in the above case such an action has been contemplated and if not, why not, unless of course it was valued by an in-house surveyor who is a member of the Halifax staff.

It would seem that if the surveyor who had originally valued the property had done his job properly, the Moss family would not have been able to get themselves into their current predicament.

Yours faithfully,
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Airport anomalies in law on drinks

From Mr Egon Ronay

Sir, It is absurd that Britain's airports come under the same drinking restrictions as licensed establishments outside airports. While on "airside" (beyond customs) there are no restrictions, on "landside" anomalies are endless. The generally applicable drinking hours of 11am to 11pm (in Scotland, 8am to 1am), with Sundays even more restricted, are untenable at airports. After all, hours are unlimited on railways and boats.

Furthermore, except in the pubs at airports, drinks are allowed only with "table meals", which some magistrates decide do not include sandwiches, while others interpret them as cocktail sausages on sticks. Nor can you drink standing at the bar, except in the pubs, unless you are a *bona fide* eater intending to sit down later.

Airport quirks culminate at Manchester, where, on Sunday, you can have a drink between 3pm and 5pm only if you show your boarding card or you accompany a departing passenger. And so on.

The law must be amended. Meanwhile, airports should be granted a general order of exemption, as is provided for in the Licensing Act 1964 for numerous groups, such as people at public markets, night porters at railway stations and newspaper staff. Airport night-workers apart, overseas passengers are on a different body clock; not to speak of the unjustifiable differences between British and foreign airports.

Instead of making airports attractive to foreign consumers, the licensing restrictions turn them into matters of ridicule and should be swept away.

Yours faithfully,
EGON RONAY,
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March 16.

Terminal Babel

From Mr P. J. Barker

Sir, The difficulties experienced by foreign travellers at UK airports (report, March 21) are regrettable but are not surprising. It is simply not feasible to train staff in all the languages that may be needed (at least in the UK). What is surprising is that airport authorities have ignored the possibilities offered by modern technology to deal with the problem in a friendly way.

A central interpretation bureau (subscribed to by all airlines and other organisations), with two-way video links to information desks, would allow counter staff to call up on a screen (visible to themselves and an enquiring passenger) an interpreter to translate between them.

The quality of translation and range of languages that could be provided would be far beyond what could be reasonably expected of counter staff, even if airlines attempted to train them. The technology is well established, and there seems to be no reason why it should not be used.

Yours faithfully,
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BBC statistics

From the Secretary of the BBC

Sir, Last year's BBC *Annual Review* offered a clear analysis of performance and set out objectives for the year ahead. But we recognise it provided insufficient data.

May I reassure Dr Harvey (letter, March 18) that this year we will return to publishing data on the origin and quantity of output. In addition, we will put forward a range of performance indicators to allow assessment of the quality, efficiency and value for money of BBC services.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL STEVENSON,
Secretary,
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Broadcasting House, W1.
March 18.

Tale of two anthems

From Mr Michael Jarrett

Sir, I was very surprised that two "national anthems" were played before the match at Twickenham on Saturday.

Wales is a part of the United Kingdom and shares "God Save the Queen" as its national anthem with the other regions.

If the Welsh wished to have "Land of My Fathers" played as well, then surely the England team were entitled to have, for example, "Land of Hope and Glory" — especially on their home ground.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. JARRETT,
68 Tower Hill,
Williton, Taunton,
Somerset.
March 20.

Special offer?

From Mrs Charmaine E. Butler

Sir, Surely shares in the House of Fraser (report, March 18) should have been offered at 179.99 pence.

Yours faithfully,
CHARMAINE E. BUTLER,
20 Cranborne Road,
Hatfield, Hertfordshire.
March 18.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 21: The Duke of York this afternoon opened Greenwich Place, Saltash, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall (the Viscount Falmouth).

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, this evening attended a Dinner at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, London W1.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 21: The Prince of Wales today visited Norfolk and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr Timothy Colman).

His Royal Highness, Patron, National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, visited Hales Hall, Loddon.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon presented the Country Landowners Association Farm Buildings Awards at Hilborough Stud Farm, Hilborough.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide, this afternoon visited the Association's new Offices at Barbican City Gate, Dufferin Street, EC1.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), this morning attended the judging of the 1994 Christmas Card Competition at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London SW1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Anthony Van Dyck, painter, Antwerp, 1599; William Pulteney, Earl of Bath, statesman, London, 1684; Edward Moore, writer, Abingdon, Berkshire, 1712; Adam Sedgwick, geologist and dalesman, Dent, Yorkshire, 1785; William I, King of Prussia 1861-88, German Emperor 1871-88, Berlin, 1797; Carl Rosa, founder of the opera company bearing his name, Hamburg, 1842; "Chico" Marx, actor and comedian, New York, 1891; Nicholas Monsarrat, novelist, Liverpool, 1910; Gerard Hoffnung, artist, humourist and musician, Berlin, 1925.

DEATHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Paris, 1687; Jonathan Edwards, theologian, Princeton, 1758; John Canton, scientist, 1772; Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, Weimar, Germany, 1832; Thomas Hughes, politican and author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, Brighton, 1896; Frederick William Farrar, writer of school stories and Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Canterbury, 1903; Michael Todd, film magnate, killed in an air crash, New Mexico, 1958.

Because of a drought the American side of the Niagara Falls ran short of water, 1903.

The first cabs with taxi meters began operating in London, 1907.

Dachau concentration camp, a former World War I munitions factory near Munich, was opened, 1933.

Memorial service

Sir Leonard Hooper
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of St Leonard Hooper was held yesterday in the Chapel of Dean Close School, Cheltenham. The Rev Daniel Young, chaplain, officiated. Mr Derek Fenner and Mr Christopher Bacon, headmaster, read the lessons. Sir John Adye, Director of GCHQ, gave an address.

Donald MacKinnon

A Memorial Service will be held in the College Chapel on Friday, May 20, 1994, at 3.30pm for Donald MacKenzie MacKinnon, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity 1960-1978. The service will be preceded by a lecture by Professor George Steiner in the Babbage Lecture Theatre at 2.15pm.

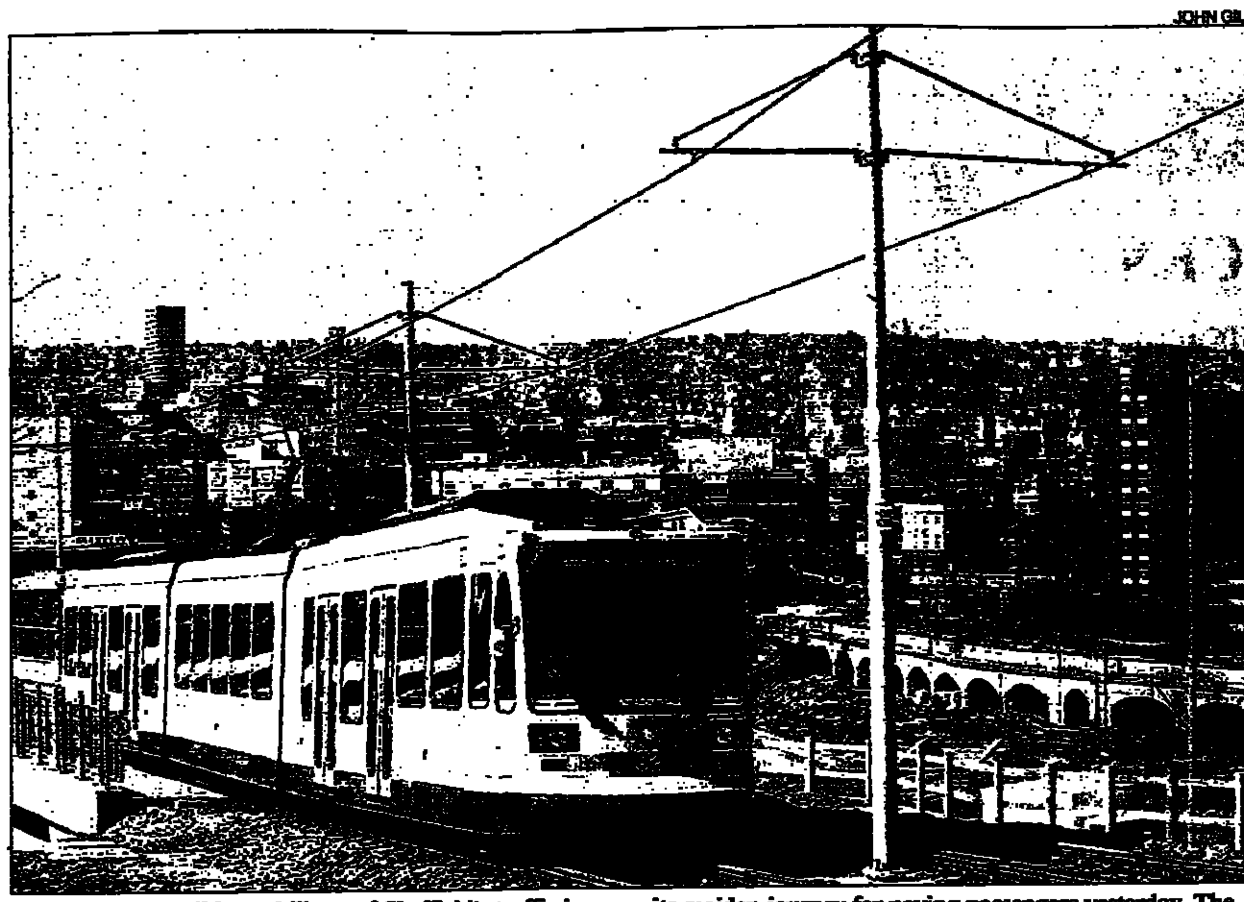
The International Society for Universalism

Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided at the Session on Political, Religious and Philosophical Visions of Nature at The International Society for Universalism sixth symposium held at the Polish Cultural Institute on March 16, 1994.

Birthdays today

Lord Alport, 82; Miss Laraine Ashton, fashion models' agent, 48; Mr George Benson, singer and guitarist, 51; Mr R.A. Bethell, Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, 72; Viscount Bolingbroke, 67; Mrs Betty Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 66; Miss Sheila Cameron, QC, Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, 60; the Very Rev Professor Robert Craig, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 77; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 75; Mr Philip Ely, former president, Law Society, 58; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 45; Mr D.C. Ingman, former chairman, British Waterways Board, 66; the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost Emeritus of Blackburn, 68; Professor Harry Kay, former vice-chancellor, Exeter University, 75; Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, 46; M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 71; Mr R.P. Mardling, headmaster, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, 50; Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, LG, 78; Mr Alan Opie, baritone, 49; Mr C.S. Pick, publisher, 77; Sir Lynden Pindling, former Prime Minister of The Bahamas, 64; Sir Bryan Roberts, QC, 71; Mr Paul Schockemöhle, showjumper, 49; Mr William Shatner, actor, 63; Mr Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist, 64; Professor Sir Colin Spedding, president, Institute of Biology, 69; Lord Stokes, 80; Mr Leslie Thomas, author, 63; Admiral Sir Richard Thomas, 62; Professor Leslie Turnberg, president, Royal College of Physicians, 60; Miss Fanny Waterman, concert pianist and teacher, 74; Professor D. Watson, director, Brighton University, 45; Miss Priscilla Yates, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 47.

JOHN GILES



A Supertram glides uphill out of Sheffield's traffic jams on its maiden journey for paying passengers yesterday. The £240 million scheme, using trams made by Siemens in Germany, is almost entirely funded by government grants. Eventually the Supertrams will carry passengers on three traffic-free routes from the city centre to suburbs

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Kazakhstan. The other guests were:
Mr Syzdyk Abishev, Mr Nurtay Abykaev, Mr Tuleutay Suleimenov, Mr Mars Urkumbaev, Mr Kenzhegali Sagadiev, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, Mr Richard Needham, MP, Sir George Young, MP, the Hon Robert Kissin, Sir Rodric Braithwaite, Sir Ronnie McIntosh, Sir Derek Thomas, Sir Ralph Robins, Mr Hartley Booth, MP, Mr John Craven, Mr Howard Dalton, Mr John Brown, Mr Graham Hearne, Mr Elwyn Elfedge, Mr Dieter Bock, Mr D H Probert, Mr David Hooker, Mr Aaron Jones, Mr Peter Stow, Mr Adrian Loader, Mr Jeremy Carver, Mr Robert Bone, Mr Noel Jones and Ms Philippa Leslie-Jones.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was the principal guest at the president's luncheon of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry held yesterday at 33 Queen Street. Mr Brian Harris, president, presided.

Soirée

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hogg were the hosts at a theatre evening yesterday in honour of the President of Kazakhstan and Mrs Nazarbaeva.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Richard Needham, Minister for Trade, was host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of the Association of Foreign Trading Agents of Korea.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation of Science and Technology, was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Sir Ron Dearing, Dr David Giachardi and Mr Tony Thornley were the speakers.

Vintners' Company

The Master and Wardens of the Vintners' Company have awarded the Vintners' scholarship for 1994 to Miss Victoria Morrall of Winecellars, Wandsworth, and the Vintners' bursary for 1994 to Mr Nicholas Whyte of Waverley Vinters, Perth.

The Royal Society of Edinburgh

The following have been elected as Fellows of the Society:
Malcolm Philip Atkinson, Professor of Computing Science, University of Glasgow; Robert Grant Baird, Chief Executive, Scotland Europa, and Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde; Adrian Peter Bird, Professor of Genetics, Institute of Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Edinburgh; Peter Wynyard James Lusk Brand, Reader, Department of Astronomy, University of Edinburgh, Royal Observatory; James Anthony Cairns, Professor of Microelectronics and Materials Science, University of Dundee; A Graham Cairns-Smith, Reader, Department of Chemistry, University of Glasgow; Thomas Douglas Campbell, University Fellow in Jurisprudence, University of Glasgow; Brian Clifford Cavenett, VG Semicon Professor of Optoelectronics Materials, Heriot-Watt University.
Geoffrey Duncan Chisholm, Professor of Surgery, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh; Edward Cunningham, Chairman of PHQ Direct Marketing Services and Business Options, Edinburgh; Jan Bronislaw Deregowski, Professor of Psychology, University of Aberdeen; Arthur William Duggan, Professor of Veterinary Pharmacology, University of Edinburgh; Tariq Salim Durrani, Professor, Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, University of Strathclyde; Michael Anthony John Ferguson, Reader in Biochemistry, University of Dundee; John Grace, Professor of Environmental Biology, Institute of Ecology and Resource Management, University of Edinburgh; Vinit Haksar, Reader in Philosophy, University of Edinburgh; Roger Geoffrey Hipkin, Senior Lecturer in Geophysics, University of Edinburgh; Martin Leslie Hooper, Reader in Experimental Pathology, University of Edinburgh and Assistant Director, AFRC Interdisciplinary Centre for Animal Genome Research; John Hewett Hull, Assistant Director, British Geological Survey, Senior Officer, BGS Scotland and Head of Petroleum Geology, Geophysics and Offshore Geology Division; Roland Norman Ibbett, Professor and Head of Deprtment of Computer Science, University of Edinburgh; John David Michael Henry Laver, Professor of Phonetics, Centre for Speech Technology Research, University of Edinburgh.
William Wilson McBryde, Deputy Principal and Professor of Scots Law, University of Dundee; Andrew Francis McPherson, Professor of Sociology and Co-Director, Centre for Education Sociology, University of Edinburgh; Timothy John Eastham Miller, Titular Professor, Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, University of Glasgow; Jane Milligate, Professor of English Literature, University of Toronto; Rosalind Mary Mitchison, Emeritus Professor of Social History, University of Edinburgh; Richard Graham Michael Morris, Professor of Neuroscience and Director of Centre for Neuroscience, University of Edinburgh; Malcolm (Calum) Stewart Muir, Director, Scottish Cancer Registration, Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service, Edinburgh and Senior Lecturer in Public Health, University of Edinburgh; Ian Newton, Deputy Chief Scientific Officer, Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Monks Wood Experimental Station, Abbots Ripton; David Edward Onions, Professor and Head of Department of Veterinary Pathology, University of Glasgow; David Francis Parker, Professor of Applied Mathematics, University of Edinburgh; William Edgar Paterson, Salvesen Professor of European Institutions and Director of the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh; Peter Lester Payne, Professor of Economic History, University of Aberdeen; David John Robins, Professor of Chemistry, University of Glasgow; Martin Schröder, Reader in Inorganic Chemistry, University of Edinburgh; Christopher Michael Steel, Assistant Director, MRC Human Genetics Unit, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.
Andrew Tait, Director of Wellcome Unit of Molecular Parasitology and Professor of Veterinary Parasitology, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, University of Glasgow; Malcolm Tod Thyne, Headmaster of Fettes College, Edinburgh; Cornelis Joost Van Rijsbergen, Professor and Head of Department of Computing Science, University of Glasgow; Andrew Charles Walker, Professor of Modern Optics, Heriot-Watt University; Colin Trengrove Whittemore, Professor of Agriculture and Rural Economy, University of Edinburgh; Thomas Wilson, Musical Composer, Glasgow.

Honorary Fellows
Elizabeth Blackadder, artist, Edinburgh; Maurice Hugh Frederick Wilkins, Nobel Laureate 1962, Emeritus Professor of Biophysics, King's College, University of London.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Joan Bayliss, Parish Deacon, Bromsgrove St John: to be Assistant Curate within the benefice of Peopleton and White Ladies Aston w Churchill and Spetchley, and Upton Snodsbury and Broughton Hackett (Worcester).
The Rev Mark Earey, Curate, Glen Parva and South Wigston (Leicester): to be Curate, Christ Church, Luton, w special responsibility for Christ the King, Princes Park (Rochester).
The Rev Robin Excell: to be Rector, Rattlesden, Brettenham and Thorpe Morieux (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev Timothy Hawkings, Team Vicar, Stafford Team Ministry (Lichfield): to be Team Rector, Stratton St Margaret w South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren Team Ministry (Bristol).
The Rev William Hedley, Team Vicar, the Heworth Team Ministry, w special responsibility for Christ Church: to be Vicar, Norton (York).
The Rev David Hewlett, Headmaster, St Francis School, Pewsey (Salisbury): to be Chaplain to Frenchay Hospital Trust (Bristol).
The Rev Henry Hopkins, Port Chaplain to Missions to Seamen, Teesside: to be Vicar, Middlesbrough, St Thomas (York).
The Rev Alan Keeler, Curate, St Andrew, Paddock Wood: to be Vicar, St James the Great, Blendon, a newly created benefice (Rochester).
The Rev Bob Lewis, Rector, Newchurch and All Saints, Glazebury: to be Rector, St Oswald, Winwick (Liverpool).
The Rev David Mathers, Vicar, Thurston St Peter: to be *also* Rural Dean of Ixworth (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev John Oakes, Incumbent, Wolverhampton St Martin: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Wolverhampton St Stephen (Lichfield).

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir Ronald Halstead was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Lecture

Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass
Professor David Hamilton, Professor of Ceramics and Glass at the Royal College of Art, delivered the annual Glaziers' Lecture last night at Glaziers' Hall. Mr Neville Burston, Master of the Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass, and the Wardens welcomed liverymen and their guests.

Appointment

Mr Stephen Silber QC to be a Law Commissioner, in succession to Mr Justice Buxton.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Royal Philanthropic Society, will open the teenagers at risk conference at the Sedgwick Centre, E1, at 9.30; as President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, will preside at a meeting to launch the Institute of Professional Sport's code of conduct, at Six Hamilton Place, W1, at 11.30; and will address the All Party Group on population and development at the House of Commons at 4.15; and as President of the World Wide Fund for Nature, will attend a reception at Spink and Son, 5-7 King Street, SW1 at 5.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend the annual meeting of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild at St James's Palace at 2.55.

Prince Edward, as trustee, will attend a 30th birthday party at the Savoy Hotel at 7.15 in aid of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Friends of Gibraltar Heritage Society, will attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum at 7.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the refurbished St Luke's Halsall primary school, Crosby, at 1.10; will open Brian Cummings Court sheltered housing scheme at Litherhead at 2.10; will visit Centre 63, a voluntary youth organisation, at Kirkby at 3.15; and will open the leisure management block at Knowsley Community College, Huyton, at 4.20.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Newport Components, Tanners Drive, Blakelands North, Milton Keynes, at 10.30; will visit Sonatest, Dickens Road, Old Wolverton, at 11.40; and, as visitor, will visit Cranfield University, Bedfordshire, at 1.00.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new extension at St Mary's Airport, Isles of Scilly, at 11.35; will visit the RNLI lifeboat station at St Mary's at 11.55; will visit St Agnes Primary School, St Agnes, at 1.20; and will visit Park House home for the elderly, the Parade, at 2.15.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Black and Miss N. Taylor-Lowen
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr John Black and the late Mrs Black, of Banchory, Kincardineshire, and Nikola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Taylor-Lowen, of Warehorne, Kent.

Mr C. Gordon and Miss P.S. Lort-Phillips
The engagement is announced between Campbell, son of the late Mr Donald Gordon and of Mrs Donald Gordon, of Montreal, Canada, and Penelope, elder daughter of the late Mr Peregrine Lort-Phillips and of Mrs Carolyn Lort-Phillips, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr J. McCosh and Miss R. Bore
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. McCosh, of Baconsthorpe, Norfolk, and Rannveig, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ingvald Bore, of Oslo, Norway. The marriage will take place in Oslo on March 25, 1994. According to Norwegian custom Rannveig will retain her maiden name after the marriage.

Mr J.E. Spinner and Miss E.M. Chorley
The engagement is announced between James Edward, son of Mrs Joyce Spinner and the late Mr Charles Spinner, of Broadstairs, Kent, and Eleanor Mary, daughter of Professor and Mrs Richard Chorley, of Cambridge.

Mr S. Thompson and Miss A.J. Welsh
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Thompson, of Abergele, Clwyd, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Welsh, of Blakeney, Norfolk.

Mr W.P. Tyser and Ms A. Johnstone
The engagement is announced between Walter, elder son of Mr Robert Tyser, of Chatto, Kelso, and Mrs Peter Gibbs, of Cholderton, Salisbury, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Seton B. Mennie, of Raeden Crescent, Aberdeen.

Appointments in the Forces

Senior appointment
Rear Admiral J R Brigstocke, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, to be, additionally, Admiral President Royal Naval College Greenwich in succession to Vice Admiral Sir Michael Layard from April 1 1994.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN:
S A V Van Der Byl - MOD London in the rank of Commodore 13.9.94.
COMMANDER:
P W Fortescue - Staff of FONA Yeovilton 29.7.94; M K Hemsworth - Staff of 2SL/CNH 23.9.94; M S Rogers - NATO Italy 10.6.94.
SURGEON COMMANDER:
A R O Miller - Gibraltar 9.5.94; R H Taylor - Gibraltar 25.4.94.
SURGEON COMMANDER (D):
N Harkness - Drake 10.6.94.

The Army
COLONEL:
D I Hartley - To be Comd Med HQ SDIST. 21.3.94
LIEUTENANT COLONEL:
K D Arnold RA - TO RMAS, 23.3.94; I J Murray QO Hldrs - To be CO 1/51 Highland, 24.3.94; P. Norrington Davies RRW - To HQ Hohne Garrison, 21.3.94; C E Thom Green Howards - To HQ BF Cyprus, 21.3.94; D C Thornycroft BW - To RMCS Shrivenham, 21.3.94; R W Batho R Signals - To be CO 40 Sig Regt, 21.3.94; P R C Flach KRH - To RMCS Shrivenham, 21.3.94; G H P Flood QLR - To be CO 1 QLR, 22.3.94; A V Pedder RA - To HQ ARRC, 21.3.94; J N E Watson RA - To HQ AFCENT (Staff), 22.3.94.

Royal Air Force
Air Vice-Marshal R P O'Brien to be Air Secretary, from March 31 1994, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal R J Honey.
AIR COMMODORE:
M Van Der Veen - To RAF ST Athan 18.3.94; D W Marchant - HQ PTC 21.3.94.
GROUP CAPTAIN:
V Thomas - To RAF PMC Innsworth 28.2.94; S C Fuller - To HQPTC 16.3.94; G R Bush - To HQ NATS 18.3.94; J P Rogers - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; I Reid - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; P K L Coles - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; G McClure-Hall - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; W J Pike - To HQ PTC 21.3.94.
WING COMMANDER:
C R W O'Connell - To RAF Honington 1.3.94; L Leeming-Latham - To DSMRU RAF Headley Court 7.3.94; M J Webb - To HQ AFCENT 21.3.94; A P Wilson - To HQ P&SS(UK) 21.3.94; G F Stratton - To OASC Cranwell 21.3.94; G W Davies - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; G S Irwin - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; J A Jarvis - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; B T Keatings - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; D L McConnell - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; C B Morris - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; M Ranger - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; T L Woods - To HQ PTC 21.3.94; B P Ludlow - To LOGS CMD 21.3.94.

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BIRTHS

AKENHEAD - On Saturday 19th March 1994 to Celia (née Staunton) and David, a son, Alastair, a brother for Charlotte and James. Grateful thanks to Valerie and staff at Lewisham hospital.

CAMPBELL - On 18th March 1994, to Mary and James, a daughter, Alice Violet, a sister for Jack, Harry and Chloe.

CORKE - On 18th March, to Elizabeth (née Errington) and Jaimie, a daughter, a sister for Daisy, Imogen and Milo.

FRASER - On Wednesday 16th March, to Lisa and Christopher, a daughter, Camilla Lucy, a sister for Hugo.

JARDINE - On March 18th 1994, to Jacqueline (née Hannah) and Charles, a son, Ruari John, a brother for Catriona.

MAGIE - On 17th March 1994 at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia and Robert, a daughter, Jennifer Crane, a sister for William.

MELKA - On March 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Laurie (née Meister) and Laurent, a beautiful daughter, Arielle Susan.

MORLEY - On March 16th 1994 at The Portland Hospital, to Robert and Karina, a son, Bradley Robert. God bless and watch over him.

NIGHTINGALL - On 20th March 1994, to Hilary (née Allen) and Robert, a son, Harry William, a brother for James and Georgina.

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BIRTHS

RELPH - On March 16th, to John and Gillian (née Catterall), a son, Andrew Richard, a brother for Katharine and Peter.

RIERSON - On 13th March 1994, to Ron and Sonya, a son, Tyler Ryan.

ROBERTS - On 17th March 1994 at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Sandra (née Hall) and Mark, a daughter, Nancy Claire.

SAIN - On March 16th in Trieste, to Harriet (née Lawson) and Marino, twins, Teresa and Harry.

WATTERS - On March 17th, St Patrick's Day, to Nicola (née Utley) and Paul, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

DEATHS

APTHORPE - Joy Berenice Frances, wife of Dr. R.G. Apthorpe of Fairstead, Spexhall. Beloved mother of Timothy, Robin, Joanna and George. Died on 18th March 1994. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Spexhall, Suffolk, on Monday 28th March at 12 noon. Flowers to Woolnoughs Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk.

ARTHUR - On 14th March 1994 peacefully at Clare Park Hospital, Anne. Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday 24th March at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for The Hampshire Association for the Blind may be sent to H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey.

BARBER - On 19th March, Gertrude 'Kae', steadfast and true mother of Alan, Ann and John, grandmother of Fay, David, Gemma, Thomas, Michael and Rachael. Beloved wife of Frank. Funeral Service Monday 28th March at St Peter's Church, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover at 11 am followed by cremation. Flowers to Dunning Funeral Service, 2 Church Close, Andover. (0264) 334436.

BECKINGSALE - On March 18th, suddenly near his home in Kilmington, Devon, Bruce, a beloved husband of Philippa and very dearly loved father and grandfather. Private cremation service. Memorial Service to be held at St Giles' Church, Kilmington, on Friday 8th April at 3.30 pm. Enquiries c/o W.G. Potter Funeral Directors, Axminster tel: (0297) 34283.

BIRD - On 19th March, suddenly, Peter, beloved uncle of Sophia, Dominic and Damian and dear friend of Ingrid. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Bourne Street at 6.30 pm Thursday 24th March. Flowers c/o The Chelsea Funeral Directors (071) 352-0008 or donations to King Edward Ward, Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead NW3.

BOWES - On March 18th 1994, Michael Philip, aged 73 years. Dearly loved husband of Patricia, father of Michael and Anne and grandfather of Lucy, Ella and Bryony. Requiem Mass to be held at the Church of St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Road, London NW11, at 12 noon on Friday 25th March, followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to A. France & Son 071-405 4901.

BROWN - On March 18th 1994 at 30 Chirgwin Road, Truro, Howard Miles, priest, Canon Emeritus of Truro. All enquiries to 0872-74021.

CARY - On March 19th, George (Jerry) Cary, dear husband of Wendy, father of Kythé and Hal. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception at St Joseph's Walk, Devizes, on Friday March 25th at 2 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers thank you but donations if desired to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 18-19 Britten Square, London SW3 3TZ.

CRAM - Peacefully at home in Edinburgh on 17th March 1994 in his 86th year after a long illness very bravely borne. Alistair Lorimer Cram M.C. (Ex Colonial Service.) Dear husband of Isobel.

DENNIS - On Saturday March 19th 1994, Commander Arthur M. Royal Navy, beloved husband of Rose, loving and loved father of Daphne and grandfather of Jocelyn and Tristan. Service at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, Cumbria, on Friday March 25th 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research c/o Mrs K Stewart, 18 Greta Street, Keswick.

DIBB - On March 18th at home with her family in Mytton, near Shrewsbury, Elizabeth Stirling aged 93 years, loving wife of the late Robert Hugh and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Fitz Church, Saturday March 26th, 12.30pm. Family flowers only.

FAIRBURN - On March 18th, peacefully at home, Greystoke, Bromyard Downs, Ernest Fairburn, after a short illness. Beloved husband of June, father of Christopher and grandfather of Guy and Sarah. Funeral Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham, on Friday March 25th at 1pm. All friends welcome. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Herefordshire.

FORREST - On 19th March peacefully in Hove, Denys Mostyn, aged 88. Dear husband of Molly and father of Juliet, loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private and only family flowers.

GARDINER HILL - Richard Temple, Winks, on March 18th 1994 at Dundee. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service at Crail Parish Church at 3.30 pm on Friday 25th March. All our friends are welcome.

GINSBURG - On March 18th 1994, peacefully in Hospital, David, deeply loved husband of Louise, devoted brother of Jean. The family funeral has taken place.

GRIEVE - On March 18th 1994, peacefully after a long illness, Richard aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Helen, father of Bill, Patrick and Hilary. Grandfather of eight. Private family cremation. Commemoration service to be held at St Peter's Church, Cransford, Suffolk, on Wednesday April 6th at 2.30 pm to which family and friends are invited. Family flowers only but donations may be sent for Cransford Parochial Church Council c/o The Old Rectory, Cransford, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 9NZ.

GRIFFITHS - William Spencer, on March 18th 1994, suddenly at home. Funeral Service to be held at Exeter and Devon Crematorium at 2 pm on Friday 25th March. Much loved by family and friends, we will miss his strength, wisdom and wonderful stories.

HAMBLEDEN - Patricia Dowager Viscountess, GCVO. Died peacefully at home on Saturday March 19th. Devoted wife and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Thursday March 24th at St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden. There will be no memorial service.

HARDY HARRIS - On March 19th 1994, Geoffrey Hardy Harris, much loved father and grandfather, and husband of the late Joan Hardy Harris, died peacefully at his daughter's home. Funeral at Enville Parish Church on Friday March 25th at noon. Family flowers only. Any donations for the Air Ambulance Service may be sent c/o Jennings, Horseley Field, Wolverhampton, WV1 3DN.

HEATH - Stuart Stanley. On March 19th 1994 quietly at Priory Paddocks Nursing Home, Darsham. Enquiries to Tony Brown's Funeral Service, tel: (0728) 605108.

HENRY - On Monday 14th March, Arthur Michael, of Repton, Derbyshire. Beloved husband of Sheila and father of Jane, Charles and Katy. Funeral arrangements to be published at a later date. Any enquiries to G. Wathall and Son Ltd., tel: (0332) 348268.

LATIMER - On 20th March 1994, at the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Barbara Milton aged 63. Daughter of Tommy and Doris Latimer and sister of David. After a long illness borne and fought with fortitude to the end. Requiem at St Mary's, Bourne Street, at 11 am Thursday 24th March followed by interment at St Mary's, Salford, Chipping Norton, at 11 am Friday 25th March. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to cancer charities.

LEES-MILNE - Alvilde. On 18th March suddenly at home. Wife of James and mother of Clarissa Luke. Funeral private at Little Badminton. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Worldwide Fund for Nature, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming GU4 8JX. Memorial Service in London to be announced.

LEVY - On 16th March in Middlesbrough, Esther, widow of Vicky, beloved mother of the late Brian, sister of Louis and dearly loved aunt of Adrienne Layton and the late Martin Cohen and their families.

MAUDE - On March 18th, Kit, HMI retd., peacefully after an illness, borne with great courage. Darling husband of Judy, loving father of Christopher, Lucilla, Elizabeth, Thomas (decd.), Caroline and Toby, grandpa of eleven. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church, Hills Road, Cambridge, Tuesday 29th March, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations between CAFOD and the Sue Ryder Home, Ely. Requiescat in pace.

MEAD-BRIGGS - On March 18th, peacefully at Whiteley Village N.H., Reverend Charles David, beloved husband of Bridget, Patricia and loving father of Peter and Christopher. Funeral Mass at Christ The Prince Of Peace R.C. Church, Portmore Park Road, Weybridge, at 11 am on Wednesday March 23rd, followed by interment at St John's Seminary, Wonersh. Flowers or donations if desired, enquiries to F.W. Chitty & Co., tel: (0932) 842220.

MOSES - Irene Grace Ruth (Barrister-at-law retired). On Sunday 20th March 1994, aged 84, peacefully. Dearly loved mother of John and Antoinette, mother-in-law of Isobel and Alan and grandmother of Natasha, Rebecca and Christopher.

RICHARDSON - On March 19th 1994, peacefully at Lymington Hospital, Brigadier Philip Herbert Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E., late The Queen's Royal Regiment; dearly beloved husband of Joan and much loved father to Wendy, Rosemary and Philip, and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Private Cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, South Baddesley, near Lymington, Hants, on Saturday March 26th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Benevolent Fund, c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington SO41 9DN.

RUSSELL-PAVIER - Christopher John. On March 17th, suddenly in hospital, aged 42 years. Cherished husband of Catriona, much loved father of Louise and Charlie and eldest son of Anne L'E Russell-Pavier and the late Major Dennis Russell-Pavier. Private funeral at Arundel Cathedral, to be buried at Houghton. A Memorial Service will be held later at St James's Church, Piccadilly.

SELBY - Julianna. Adored wife of Ralph and beloved mother and grandmother. Died suddenly on 19th March following a stroke the preceding day. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Hayling Island, at 4.15 on Thursday 24th March. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Red Cross, Hayling Island Centre c/o Grady's Funeral Directors, 23 Mengham Road, Hayling Island PO11 9BG.

SHARPE - On March 18th, aged 66, Audrey, peacefully at home in Windsor, after a long courageous battle against cancer. Dear sister of Dorothy Moulton, Connie Quirk, Laurie and the late Proven. Donations please for The Thames Valley Hospice, Hatch Lane, Windsor.

SHERGOLD - John Gordon died on 20th March 1994 at Moat House Residential Home, Gt. Easton. Beloved father of Maureen and Malcolm. No flowers please - if desired donations to Dunmow Rotary Club Charities. Funeral Service held on 25th March 1994, 12.30 pm at Chelmsford Crematorium.

SNOW - On March 19th 1994, peacefully at home at Kintbury, nr. Newbury, Janet aged 82, formerly of Easton, beloved wife of the late Philip and dearly loved mother of Julia and Michael, mother-in-law of Russell and grandmother of Peter and James. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Kintbury, on Monday March 28th at 12.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o Camp Hopson F/D, Northbrook St., Newbury (0635) 522210.

SPENCER - On 20th March, peacefully in Castlerea, County Roscommon, Eire, Kathleen. Family funeral Wednesday 23rd March. Flowers please to Mr A. Keegan, St Patricks Street, Castlerea, County Roscommon, Eire.

THOMAS - Suddenly in the Usher Hall at the Friday night concert on 18th March 1994, Edward Francis Thomas, D. Mus. F.R.C.O. F.T.C.L. A.R.C.M., beloved husband of Janet (née Hancock), father of Janice, Glynice, Kingsley and Roy and a dear grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at Murrayfield Parish Church, Edinburgh, on Thursday 24th March at 2 pm to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation, 45A Moray Place, Edinburgh.

TRUSSLER - Edith (Norah). Passed away peacefully, March 19th 1994, at The Shareth Rest Home, Horndean, Hants. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain, Hants., on Monday March 28th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Portchester Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Family flowers but donations if desired to St Wilfrid's Church Building Fund c/o Mr K.J. Urry, 17 Summerhill Road, Cowplain, Hants.

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OBITUARIES

ROSEMARY LADY DU CROS

Rosemary Lady du Cros, MBE, aviatrix and former member of the wartime Air Transport Auxiliary, died at Parkham, North Devon, on March 8 aged 92. She was born on September 23, 1901.

ONE of the first recruits to that élite but remarkably reticent band, the women ferry pilots of the ATA, Rosemary du Cros flew throughout the Second World War. Rosemary Rees, as she then was, had learnt to fly in the early 1930s after a quite different sort of career – as a dancer in revue. By the time the war came she had logged more than 600 hours of cross-country flying, much of it overseas. By the end of the war she had flown 91 different types of aircraft, ranging from light trainers through Spitfires to twin-engined bombers like the Hudson and four-engined heavies such as the Halifax and Lancaster. She flew jets too, though she always rated them much easier to handle than the sophisticated final generation of piston-engined fighters with their complicated carburettors and variable pitch propellers.

Flexibility was the *sine qua non* of being an "Atagirl" as these women pilots were known (their male counterparts in the ATA were regarded as "Ancient Tattered Airmen"). If, for example, an ATA flyer was qualified to fly Class 4 (twin-engined) aircraft she might expect to find herself delivering anything from a lumbering Hampden bomber to a Meteor jet fighter, "without knowing anything about them except what you read up in the book", as Rosemary du Cros recalled in her unassuming memoir, *ATA Girl*, published in 1983.

Rosemary Rees was a baronet's daughter. Her father, Sir John Rees, had been Liberal MP for Montgomery and then Unionist MP for East Nottingham. She had no school education but learnt French and German from a governess and attended Mme Astafieva's ballet classes in Chelsea. Her mother, an admirably broad-minded woman, made no objection when her daughter decided to audition for what she described as "a fairly low sort of touring revue". For most of the 1920s Rosemary Rees was travelling the country playing concert parties, cabarets and musical comedies anywhere from Llandudno to Soho.

In the early 1930s she went touring to Ceylon, China and America with her brother Richard, who had succeeded his father as baronet in 1922. On getting back to England she intended to resume her stage career but a friend of her



"Two heads are better than one": a Dutch newspaper's view of Rosemary Rees, left, and a friend at an air rally in the 1930s

brother's persuaded her to have a flying lesson and from that moment aviation held her in thrall. She went solo in 1933 after seven hours and, after getting her private pilot's licence, bought her first aeroplane, a Miles Hawk Major. Later she exchanged this for a Miles Whitney Straight, a monoplane in which she was to fly all over Europe.

The years between the wars were a golden age of private flying. European aero clubs threw lavish parties in summertime and the mayors of host towns made it a point of honour to wine and dine guests to distraction. In the course of these Rosemary Rees visited Hungary, Sweden, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Austria. "English miss flies in to Stockholm from cocktail party" ran a characteristic Swedish newspaper headline reflecting the carefree spirit of the age. But it was not all fun and games. In 1938 Rosemary Rees flew food aid to refugees in Czechoslovakia. All the while she was perfecting flying and navigation skills that were to stand her country in good stead when war came.

With war clouds gathering she took her instructor's licence in 1938 and in the following year got a job in Army Co-operation, acting as a target on which anti-aircraft batteries could practise training and gunlaying. When war came the ATA was formed to provide a pool of pilots to ferry aircraft from factories to maintenance units, where they were fitted out, and on to the squadrons which needed them. Such a requirement was clearly going to become a great consumer of pilots who could not really be spared by a still perilously small RAF.

Only civilian male pilots who were unfit or otherwise unsuitable for combat could be used but even these could not provide the numbers required. Eventually it was decided to call upon the reserve of skilled women pilots that had been created by the enthusiasm for private flying during the interwar years. Rosemary Rees was among the first eight selected for training, which took place in a blaze of unsought press publicity. This did not necessarily have a beneficial effect. In Germany Lord Haw Haw used the "Atagirls" as a subject for one of his propaganda broadcasts. In it he accused the British of training their womenkind "to fly vicious fighting planes, which these unnatural and decadent women will doubtless enjoy". The reception at home was often not much more sympathetic, with a certain amount of RAF jealousy that women should presume to fly combat aircraft. One of the only two men present at the creation of the otherwise all-women's ferry pool at Hamble confided to his colleague: "A lot of extraordinary women have arrived, with faces like horses." Such a description could hardly have been a greater travesty of the mostly petite and often stunningly pretty airwomen. But they had the last laugh, as they found the men "enormously strong for pushing cars and things like that" – and used them accordingly.

Rosemary Rees was second-in-command at Hamble to Margot Gore (who died last August) for the duration of the war. Starting on single-seater Tiger Moths she eventually qualified to fly all types, doing her four-engined bomber training under Group Captain Leonard Cheshire at Marston Moor in Yorkshire. Ferrying could be a perilous business. The requirement to keep the squadrons supplied with aircraft meant that delivery flights often had to take place in cloud, rain and fog. It was such conditions which cost the celebrated aviatrix Amy Johnson her life when she was forced to bale out over the Thames in cloud and was drowned in the freezing water. Rosemary Rees never lost an aircraft, although she did have one close call when the engine of a plane she was delivering kept faltering and finally went completely dead just after she had landed.

When ATA was finally disbanded in 1946 Rosemary Rees bought a Percival Proctor and set up an air charter firm called Sky Taxi. With this she flew clients to business meetings, wealthy families on holiday or did joyrides on occasions like Battle of Britain Day. As civil flying began to establish itself – with increasing red tape – after the war she began to experience problems with her short sight, since holding a flying licence required a regular eye test. Her infallible technique was to get hold of copies of the RAF charts on which these tests were based and memorise them thoroughly.

In 1950 she met and married Sir Philip du Cros, second baronet, as his second wife. They settled in North Devon and she gave up her taxi flying since the small towns of Barnstaple and Bideford would scarcely have provided enough custom to sustain such a service. But she threw herself into the politics of the Torrington parliamentary constituency in which her husband was active in the Conservative interest. A mentally and physically vital woman well into old age, she always remained open to new challenges, even learning to ride at the age of 70.

She was appointed MBE for her war work in 1945. Her husband died in 1975.

PETER DAVIES

Peter Davies, journalist and civil servant, died on March 3 aged 66. He was born on April 7, 1927.



PETER DAVIES enjoyed a career in three separate fields, first as a journalist, then as a Treasury civil servant, and latterly as director-general successively of the National Association of British and Irish Millers and of the Carroll Institute of Irish History.

After taking first class honours in Economics at LSE, Davies joined the *News Chronicle* as an editorial assistant before moving in 1953 to *The Times* as assistant city editor. He left *The Times* in 1955 to join the Treasury, first in the information division and later, after a spell with Unilever, in the economic section, where his drafting skills and respect for tight deadlines were quickly appreciated.

He soon grew tired of the role of a mainstream Treasury economist and decided that his career might be better pursued as an administrator. He was appointed assistant secretary in the fiscal policy group in 1975. Then, from 1978 to 1980, he served as press secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and head of information, a post in which his abilities were acknowledged by two very different masters, Denis Healey and Sir Geoffrey Howe.

On promotion to under-secretary he was seconded to the National Economic Development Office as administrative director and secretary to the council. He then in 1982 took a sabbatical year as a fellow commoner at Downing College, Cambridge, where he entertained a succession of journalists and mandarins while writing a candid assessment for the Treasury of the use of economists by Government.

In 1984 he joined the National Association of British and Irish Millers, the trade association for the UK flour milling industry as director-general. His experience of Government helped greatly to strengthen the association in its representational activities. During five enjoyable years Davies probably derived greatest pleasure, however, from the part he played in refurbishing the association's Georgian headquarters in Arlington Street.

In 1989 he became the first director-general of the Carroll Institute of Irish History. At the institute his kindness to the young and his intellectual curiosity contributed to its success. He also made friends for the institute and its activities in Ireland. In Oxford his frank delight in the place and its traditions assisted in creating the Carroll Chair, the first endowed professorship of Irish history in the United Kingdom.

He leaves his wife Norma, one son and two daughters.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM WILSON

William Wilson, Lord President Reid Professor of Law at the University of Edinburgh, died on March 14 aged 65. He was born on July 28, 1928.

BILL WILSON was, perhaps, an old-fashioned academic. The cultivation of narrow specialisms was not for him, and his own range of interests was formidable. A command of the full range of the substantive law of Scotland could in his case be taken for granted, but he was interested also in evidence and procedure, in legal philosophy and in legal history. In later life he acquired a computer and showed considerable aptitude for programming. A good linguist, he supplemented his regular holidays in Nice with a daily regime of German newspapers at breakfast, as an aid to his study of comparative law.

William Adam Wilson was born and spent much of his early life in Glasgow. He was educated at Hillhead High School and at Glasgow University, where he studied arts as well as law. He qualified as a solicitor in 1951 and practised for a number of years, mainly in Glasgow, before being appointed as a lecturer at Edinburgh University in 1960 at the relatively old age of 32. Promotion followed rapidly, culminating with his appointment in 1972 as the first holder of the Lord President Reid chair.

Bill Wilson's academic output was both substantial and important. His *Trusts, Trustees and Executors* (1975), written with A. G. M. Duncan, immediately established itself as the standard work on the law of trusts. A second edition was in preparation at the time of his death. In later life he professed to have lost interest in trusts and there is no doubt that he felt more attracted to the subject of his other major text, *The Scottish Law of Debt* (1982, 2nd edition 1991), an important contribution to what was, at the time, a seriously underwritten area of law. His most characteristic work, however, was his *Introductory Essays on Scots Law* (1978, 2nd edition 1984), a series of 14 essays covering such disparate topics as law and language, civil procedure, legal geography and the law of negligence. The writing is humorous, taut, quirky and, above all, learned over a very wide field. In his later years he worked intermittently on a manuscript on statutory interpretation, which was left uncompleted at his death.

Wilson contributed notes and articles on a great variety of subjects, and some thought him at his most successful and persuasive as a miniaturist. He also edited a collection of essays on the comparative law of trusts (*Trusts and Trust-like Devices*, 1981), and was joint editor of three successive editions of Gloag & Henderson's *Introduction to the Law of Scotland*.

He was an accomplished and amusing lecturer, highly popular with his student audience, and with an idiosyncratic (and much imitated) method of delivery. He served the Faculty of Law at Edinburgh University in innumerable ways, including two spells as Dean.

By nature Bill Wilson was diffident and unassuming. Sometimes this affected his



writing and led to a certain terseness in style and a reluctance to develop an argument. But diffidence did not interfere with his sociability. It was said that he never refused an invitation to a party, and when, as quite frequently happened, he was invited to several different events on the same evening, he would attend them all in sequence, taking care to keep until the end the party which seemed likely to last the longest.

He never married.

ABDULLAH SALLAL

Abdullah Sallal, President of North Yemen, 1962-67, died in Sanaa on March 12 aged 71. He was born in the North Yemen capital in 1922.

ABDULLAH SALLAL was the prime mover in the revolution which in 1962 ousted the Imam of Yemen from his thousand-year-old-throne, allowing him to became the first President of the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen).

A ruthless and disloyal conspirator, backed by President Nasser of Egypt, he saw off his rivals and headed a revolutionary council which proclaimed him President, Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the republican forces.

The son of a blacksmith, Sallal was nominally from the Zaidi tribal community of Shia Muslims in the north of the country which had traditionally supported the feudal ruler and provided the governing class, but he had lost his tribal connections. Nevertheless, in 1936, while at school, he was picked out as promising material by the Imam Yahya and sent at the Imam's expense to the military academy at Baghdad, whence he returned in 1939 to take a commission in the Yemeni regular army.

Subversion seems to have been in his blood, however, for in the early 1940s he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for conspiracy against the Imam, his benefactor, and in 1948 was sentenced to death for his part in the abortive revolution which cost the Imam his life. He was reprieved and sent to prison in Hajja, where he remained for the next seven years.

While there he came into contact with the Egyptians, who at that time were intensifying their penetration of the Yemen, and with the Crown Prince Badr, who was also intriguing with them. In 1955 Badr, probably at their instance, secured Sallal's release and appointment to take charge of Hodeida port.

In 1961 Sallal's subversive proclivities again manifested themselves and he was dismissed from his post for alleged complicity in a plot to assassinate the Imam Ahmad, but Badr again succeeded in having him released and appointed him to the command of his personal bodyguard. He was subsequently reinstated in the Port of Hodeida, and later became director of the Sanaa Military Academy.

In 1962, on the death of the Imam Ahmad, Badr succeeded to the throne and appointed Sallal chief of the general staff. Within a week the incorrigible revolutionary, with Eygptian support, had led the revolt which unseated Badr and compelled him, after the narrowest of escapes from death, to seek refuge with the tribesmen in the mountains of northern Yemen.

For the next three years there was civil war between the republican and royalist forces with the situation evolving unfavourably for the Egyptians. The deposed Imam Badr, with substantial Saudi support, had retained sufficient tribal allegiance to enable him to control most of the countryside, while the republicans, were able to hold the towns only by increasing reliance on Egyptian military and economic support which was costing Egypt dear. Sallal made trips to Moscow and Peking seeking additional backing, but to no great effect.

An armistice agreement signed between President Nasser of Egypt and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia at Jedda in August 1965, which was to provide for a phased withdrawal of Egyptian troops from the Yemen in return for a cessation of Saudi aid to the royalists, had remained a dead letter, and talks on its implementation held at Haradh in November broke down, largely owing to the intransigence of the republican delegates.

These repeated failures seem finally to have exhausted Nasser's patience, for immediately afterwards Sallal was called to Cairo and, while remaining nominally head of the Yemen Republic, was kept in Cairo in what amounted to forced residence.

His successors in the Yemen, however, proved no more satisfactory from the Egyptian point of view, as throughout 1966 the deadlock, and the drain on Egyptian resources, continued. In August 1966 Sallal was permitted to return to the Yemen, where shortly afterwards he took over the premiership, while his principal rivals were summoned to Cairo in his stead, allegedly to face charges of treason. From this time onwards, however, Egyptian control over the North Yemen government was tightened, so that Sallal's position became more obviously that of a figurehead. In 1967 the republican army gained the upper hand but the Egyptian forces were withdrawn following Egypt's defeat in the June war with Israel. Lacking the support of Cairo and unloved among his own people, Sallal was deposed in a bloodless coup in November while abroad seeking backing in Moscow. In the same month, Britain withdrew from Aden, and the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula became independent as the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Sallal was refused refuge in Egypt and went instead to Baghdad, where he lived under Iraqi protection. In 1981 he was allowed to return to Sanaa but played no further political role.

Sallal possessed a gift of rabble-rousing oratory, during which his voice often rose to a scream, but his health, allegedly undermined by intemperance, was indifferent and in private he usually appeared listless and devoid of charm. He owed his position almost entirely to the Egyptians, but his obvious subservience to them, combined with his lack of tribal connections in the Yemen, must always have prevented his emergence as a true national leader.



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HOPEFUL FEN OUTLOOK

TROOPS CALLED IN

From Our Special Correspondent

ELY, March 21

The weather, on which a great deal depends in this fight against the menace of floods, has been on the whole favourable throughout the week-end. Rain, however, fell for a time tonight, and the wind has been an adverse factor in that it has diminished the advantage otherwise derived from being able to have the Denver sluice gates open for a long period.

The general situation remains hopeful, and, provided that there are no heavy rains, the gradual improvement may be expected to continue. The excess water, however, must be carried away only gradually, and while it remains at an exceptionally high level there is still the strain on the river banks and the consequent danger of a breach at any point in these already weakened defences. The River Lark at Prickwillow has now become the main danger spot. High tides are again due next Wednesday. A special prayer was offered at morning service in Ely Cathedral to-day for "the welfare of our brothers in the Fens."

The message from the King and Queen expressing admiration for the Fenlanders in their fight against the flood menace and their Majesties' sympathy with those who have suffered in that fight has brought great encouragement to the people of the Fens in their long and protracted struggle. Anxiety continues, but some part of the heavy burden that has fallen on the Great Ouse Catchment Board and on the local farmers in protecting their lands against floods will now be taken over by troops, which were brought into the area yesterday.

A detachment of the Royal Corps of Signals has arrived from Aldershot, equipped with six short-wave transmitters, which will be used at any point that may be necessary for directing work on the river banks. There are now five transmitters of the Royal Air Force, which will be used for directing work at the sluices. In addition six Royal Artillery dispatch riders have been drafted from Colchester. There is also standing by in Ely a detachment of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, a mechanized unit from Colchester, with 12 lorries in preparation for any evacuation work that would become necessary if a large area of the Fenland were flooded.

These military preparations will undoubtedly do much to relieve the great strain under which men employed by the Great Ouse Catchment Board and the voluntary workers have been maintaining the defence of the waterways in these anxious weeks. The drop in the general level over the whole area has continued, and is a favourable sign. In spite of the improved conditions at Denver Sluice, the main outlet for the waters of the area, water cannot be evacuated at any faster rate, because of the comparatively narrow channel through which it then travels to King's Lynn. The scene at Denver Sluice is now very different from what it was a few days ago, and a high-water mark of weeds and loose straw along the banks remains to show how high the water had risen at its worst ...

ON THIS DAY

March 22 1937

After centuries of channelling, draining and embanking the great fertile Fen plain is still in great danger when rain and wind join forces.

NEWS

Rush to beat VAT boosts companies

■ Gas and electricity companies are receiving millions of pounds a day in advance payments as customers rush to avoid the VAT on their fuel bills from next week.

Labour said that the last-minute dash would bring the power companies £1 billion by the end of the month and demanded to know who would benefit from the interest earned on the money. More than 300,000 customers have already paid up to two years' bills in advance Pages 1, 27

'Lawnmower murder plot' couple freed

■ A woman and her lover who had spent almost three years in jail for conspiring to kill her barrister husband in the bizarre "lawnmower murder plot" were cleared at the Old Bailey after a retrial. The pair are said to be considering compensation claims Page 1

Resolute Hurd

Douglas Hurd has issued a warning that he is prepared to take Europe to the brink of crisis rather than surrender Britain's rights in the dispute over the European Union voting strengths Page 1

Serb mines

Serb soldiers laid mines around UN troops trying to seal off a cache of tanks, howitzers and mortars discovered inside an exclusion zone around Sarajevo. As many as 100 Canadian soldiers were hemmed in by the mines Pages 1, 14

Extradition stands

Two former women disciples of a free love cult have lost their battle against extradition to the US over charges of conspiring to murder a state attorney. The women could be taken back to America by marshals from Oregon within a week Page 3

Video link to death

Four youths were found guilty of kicking to death a man who remonstrated with them for vandalism. Police believe that the attack was partly inspired by a video about gang warfare Page 5

Police cash plea

The Welsh Secretary, will be warned that law and order in Glamorgan will be seriously undermined if he does not find more money for the South Wales police force Page 7

Lloyd's suicide

Sir Richard Fitch, the former second sea lord, took his own life after becoming ill with the worry of his mounting debts to the Lloyd's insurance market, an inquest was told Page 9

Prosecutor 'in dark'

The prosecuting counsel in the Matrix Churchill trial said that he would have abandoned the case had he known the full extent of government complicity in Iraq arms exports Page 13

Whitewater deal

A former judge on trial for fraud, has agreed to tell the prosecutor all he knows about President Clinton's involvement in Whitewater in return for serious charges being dropped Page 17

Coalition deadline

A spokesman for the Italian Northern League said his party's coalition with Silvio Berlusconi and the southern neo-Fascists would end as soon as the election was over Page 16

Buthelezi warned

Chief Buthelezi is to be warned that South African forces may take over KwaZulu areas to ensure fair elections Page 15

Sweeping the board

Tunisia's president has tightened his grip on power in a rubber-stamp election in which as the only candidate, he secured 99.99 per cent of votes Page 15

More 'write-offs' back on the road

■ Cars that have been wrecked in accidents are finding their way back onto the road in increasing numbers. One in four cars sold privately had been an insurance write-off, a survey says. The figures have prompted calls for tighter controls to protect unwary buyers, including the introduction of a "death certificate" for such cars Page 10



Low's Gully, at the foot of Mount Kinabalu in Borneo, where RAF rescuers are searching for five British soldiers. Report, page 3

BUSINESS

Economy: Fear about absorbing the Government's two-year programme of tax increases and worry about unemployment are acting to undermine consumer confidence, a poll shows Page 25

Flotations: Ray Horney, who once rented washing machines to families on Brighton council estates, is bringing his latest venture to the stock market Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 20.1 points to close at 3198.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 80.6 to 80.4 after a fall from $1.4892 to $1.4840 and from DM2.5257 to DM2.5198 Page 28

SPORT

Golf: If proof were needed that Britain's Laura Davies had developed a masterly, controlled game, it came on Sunday when she won the Standard Register Ping tournament at Moon Valley country club in Arizona Page 44

Cricket: Australia, chasing a target of 91 runs, won the second Test match against South Africa by nine wickets to level the three-game series Page 46

Rowing: Oxford and Cambridge weighed-in for the Boat Race and were not far short of the all-time record of 14st 12lb average per rower set in 1990 Page 48

Chalet girl: Jo of the Chalet School has been a heroine for girls for almost 70 years. What is the secret of her success? Page 18

Libido aid: A synthetic version of the bark of an African tree is being marketed as a new cure for impotence, but it has been used for years Page 19

Under fire: Is criticism of Lord Justice Scott's enquiry justified? Page 35

Bar code: How to find the best barrister Page 37

Caro's Trojans: At the Orangery in Kenwood, Sir Anthony Caro has unveiled a series of 38 sculptures based on *The Iliad* Page 39

Next jazz great: Dee Dee Bridgewater is now a leading contender for the position of No 1 female jazz vocalist. This week she starts a rare British tour Page 41

Modest maestro: At Vienna, conductor Carlos Kleiber was reluctant to go on stage after what was, orchestrally, a *Rosenkavalier* of one's dreams Page 39

Lill's half-century: Pianist John Lill celebrated his 50th birthday with a Festival Hall recital Page 41

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Jenny Abramsky, controller of BBC's Radio 5 Live, has launched an ambitious £1 million publicity drive for the new station
Page 7



Linda Telfer and her husband Jim, who helped others after their child became a cot death victim, have been named Family of the Year
Page 12



Jean-Pierre Cot, leader of the European Parliament socialists, said that ministers and MEPs were heading for a collision
Page 16

THE TIMES TOMORROW

The Princess and that lunch

■ Was it the police keeping parking officers at bay when the Princess of Wales dined at a restaurant that enraged a Labour MP? Or was it because she ate what he called "a slap-up lunch"?

At the heart of Country

■ "Your greatest steering wheel in life is your heart," says Garth Brooks, the biggest Country star since Barbara Mandrell. Alan Jackson meets Mr Sincere

As easy as buying a flat

■ The complications and frustrations facing a first-time buyer

Brouwen Vickers, who lost a leg in an IRA bomb attack, charts her slow rehabilitation in *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.30pm) Page 47

Building blocks

The Prime Minister should worry less about being liked abroad and more about sentiment at home. No other European country is so apologetic or defensive about standing up for itself Page 21

Buthelezi's duty

Chief Buthelezi's assertion that he is battling for a "truly democratic" country has a most hollow ring Page 21

Rest in pieces

The trade in potentially lethal cars will not be effectively restricted until insurance companies are made legally responsible to ensure the destruction of the cars they sell for scrap Page 21

THOMAS KENEALLY

In defining ourselves, the tribe we belong to, we are tempted to believe in the inferiority of the culture and mores of other groups Page 20

SIMON JENKINS

We are terrified of crime, petrified of it. Britain is probably the least crime-ridden state in Europe yet has the highest measureable fear of it Page 20

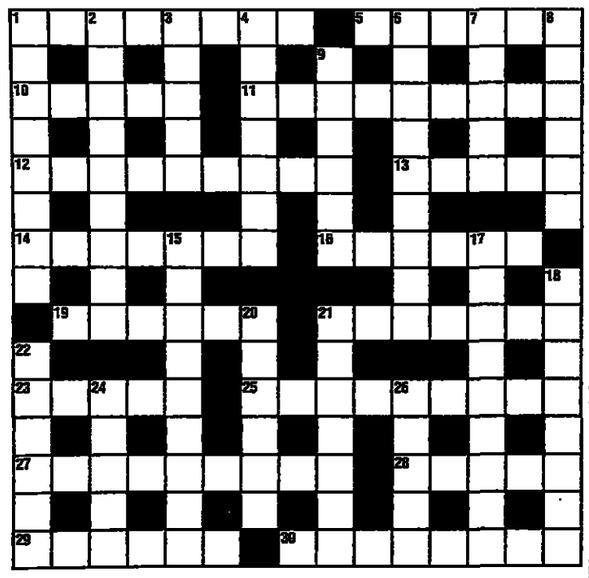
Rosemary, Lady du Cros, aviatrix and member of the wartime Air Transport Auxiliary; **Abdullah Sallal**, President of North Yemen, 1962-67; **Peter Davies**, journalist and civil servant; **William Wilson**, academic lawyer Page 23

Egon Ronay calls for more liberal licensing laws Page 21

In the Balkan war, bad news has been the order of the day for so long that good news has become almost impossible to believe
— The Washington Times

Local and by-elections always have the knack of humiliating the incumbent government. On Sunday Mr Balladur's France was the exception which proves the rule
— Le Figaro

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,496



ACROSS

1 Tending to change material in a joint (8)
5 Sharp as a body of detectives initially investigating crime (6)
10 Animal is shy, has back up (5).
11 Artist studies horizontal moulding (9).
12 Keen about church in South Africa's liberation (9).
13 This measure satisfied certain soldiers (5).
14 Sent out in a vessel to obtain a pardon (7).
16 Quarrel about a king's list of duties (6).
19 Old fellow in charge of the electrics (6).
21 A pardon arranged for the first disseminator of evil (7).
23 Allow 13 into entrance to mine (5)
25 Apiarist has drink outside English castle (3-6).
27 Music-maker bags a ring, by the sound of it (9).
28 Was vocal about politician's jargon (5).
29 Hesitant admission of ownership of fur (6).
30 Heavenly product of Oriental leather (8).

DOWN

1 Song about base fellow north countryman (8).
2 Former state of chasm in Iowa (9).
3 Ruffian appears, to an expression of disgust (5).
4 Man upholding depravity is governor (7).
6 Boat taking animal to islands around morning (9).
7 First appearance of union leader owing money (5).
8 Quick to learn about source of purchase (6).
9 Wanting to give away one grand to make an impression (6).
15 We use it guardedly as a security device (6-3).
17 It provided support for a fireman (9).
18 Song composed by crazy girl about state (8).
20 Decoration for a typist (6).
21 A benefaction now under discussion (7).
22 Trouble for second son in healthy environment (6).
24 An apophthegm of Gorky (5).
26 Result seen circulating around university (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,495

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: St Helier, Jersey, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 1C (33F); highest rainfall: Ilfracombe, Highland, 0.15in; highest sunshine: Bournemouth, 9.3hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy with patchy rain. Brighter and drier weather will spread south-east during the morning. Further rain will spread from the west later this afternoon and evening. Scotland should be bright or sunny with scattered showers, mainly in the west and north, but thicker cloud and rain will spread from the west. Northern Ireland will be bright or sunny but rain will spread from the west later. A windy day but the temperatures higher than yesterday.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Central N, NE England:** Cloudy, patchy rain, becoming brighter and drier through the morning. Rain from the west later this afternoon and evening. Wind southwest fresh to strong. Max 12C to 14C (54F to 57F).

☐ **SE England, Central S England, SW England:** Cloudy, patchy rain, becoming drier and brighter away from the windward coasts. Rain from the west later this afternoon and evening. Wind southwest fresh to strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** Cloudy and misty with patchy rain. Wind southwest fresh to strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** Bright or sunny spells with scattered showers. Rain spreading from the west later. Wind southwest fresh to strong, but gale in exposed parts. Max 10C to 12C (50F to 54F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney:** Bright with showers, rain later. Wind southwest strong to gale. Max 8C to 10C (46F to 50F).

☐ **Shetland:** Frequent blustery showers Wind southwest strong to gale. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** becoming brighter with scattered showers, but still windy.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY. t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	6.9	0.04	5	41	sn	London	8.2	-	10	50	s
Anglesey	7.8	-	9	48	s	Lowestoft	5.4	-	9	48	b
Aspatria	0.5	0.02	6	43	r	Manchester	1.4	-	8	46	b
Aviemore	3.6	0.15	3	37	sn	Margate	7.8	-	9	48	s
Belfast	-	-	7	45	c	Minehead	8.8	-	9	48	s
Birmingham	5.8	-	9	48	b	Morecambe	2.5	-	7	45	b
Bognor R	9.1	-	10	50	s	Newcastle	4.3	-	7	45	b
Bournem'th	9.3	-	10	50	s	Newquay	X				
Bristol	X	-	10	50	b	Norwich	4.6	-	8	46	b
Buxton	-	-	5	41	c	Nottingham	-	-	7	45	c
Cardiff	9.2	-	9	48	s	Penzance	1.2	0.01	10	50	sh
Clacton	6.9	-	9	48	s	Plymouth	4.9	-	11	52	s
Colwyn Bay	4.8	-	9	48	s	Poole	X				
Cromer	6.1	-	8	46	b	Ross-o-wye	8.5	-	10	50	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	8.5	-	9	48	s	Salcombe	7.4	-	11	52	b
Edinburgh	3.6	-	6	43	b	Sandown	8.4	-	10	50	s
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.01	5	41	h	Saunton Snd	X				
Exmouth	8.7	-	9	48	s	Scarboro'	X				
Falmouth	X	-	10	50	c	Scilly Isles	-	0.02	10	50	fg
Folkestone	8.9	-	10	50	s	Shanklin	X	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	1.9	-	7	45	c	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	-	0.02	11	52	c	Southend	9.0	-	10	50	s
Hastings	8.5	-	9	48	s	Southport	3.2	-	7	45	s
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	8.7	-	9	48	s
Herne Bay	7.9	-	9	48	s	Stornoway	7.5	0.10	2	36	s
Hove	8.4	-	8	46	s	Swanage	8.7	-	10	50	s
Hunstanton	3.6	-	7	45	b	Teignmouth	8.8	-	10	50	c
Isle of Man	0.4	-	8	46	c	Tenby	7.0	-	9	48	b
Jersey	0.1	0.08	12	54	d	Tiree	0.1	0.04	5	41	c
Kinloss	6.3	0.12	3	37	sn	Torquay	8.0	-	10	50	s
Leeds	0.2	-	7	45	c	Tynemouth	5.0	0.02	7	45	s
Lerwick	4.4	0.06	-1	30	sn	Ventnor	9.1	-	10	50	s
Leuchars	3.8	-	7	45	b	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	8.4	-	9	48	s	Weymouth	8.6	-	9	48	s
Liverpool	3.0	0.01	7	45	b	These are Sunday's figures					

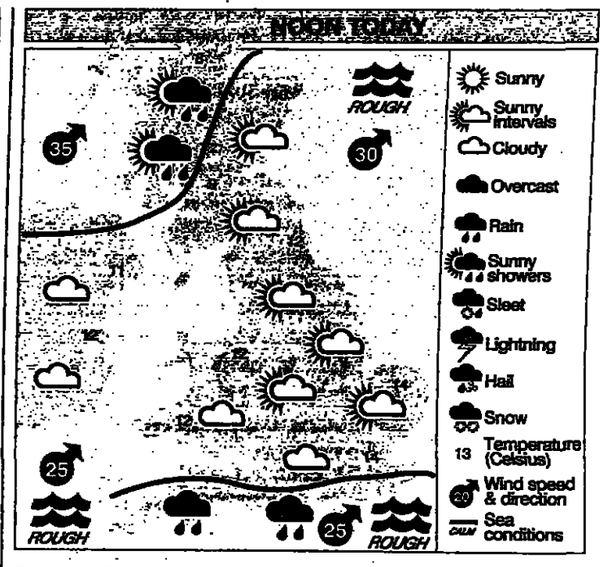
ABROAD

Ajaccio	17	63	s	C'phagn	4	39	s	Madrid	18	64	s
Alicante	17	63	s	Corfu	18	64	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Amsterdm	13	55	f	Dublin	6	46	f	Malaga	19	66	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	17	63	s	Malta	22	72	s
Amstrdm	8	46	s	Faro	20	68	s	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Athens	18	64	s	Florence	15	59	f	Miami	29	84	f
Bahrain	23	73	c	Frankfurt	8	46	r	Milan	17	63	f
Bangkok	27	81	f	Funchal	20	68	f	Montreal	0	32	s
Barbados	27	81	f	Geneva	13	55	f	Moscow	-1	30	c
Barcelona	20	68	s	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Munich	11	52	f
Beirut	18	64	s	Helsinki	1	34	c	Nairobi	28	82	f
Belgrade	13	55	s	Hong K	18	64	c	Naples	16	61	f
Benin	2	36	r	Innsbrck	14	57	f	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda	20	68	f	Istanbul	15	59	f	N York	6	43	s
Biarritz	10	50	r	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nice	16	61	f
Borde'x	13	55	f	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Oslo	1	34	s
Brussels	7	45	f	Karachi	34	93	s	Paris	11	52	f
Budapst	5	41	r	L.Palmas	19	66	f	Peking	14	57	s
B Aires	20	68	f	Le Tquet	8	46	f	Perth	36	97	s
Cairo	20	68	f	Lisbon	18	64	c	Prague	7	45	f
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Locarno	15	59	f	Reykjavik	3	37	r
Chicago	13	55	f	L.Angels	17	63	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	13	55	c	Luxembg	4	39	r	Rio de J	34	93	f
Cologne	8	46	f	Luxor	26	79	s	Riyadh	29	84	f

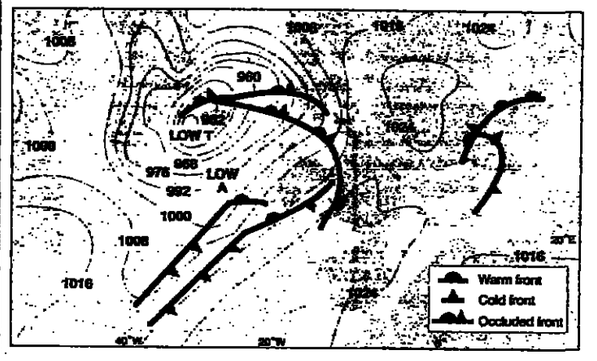
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Salzburg	8	46	r	Tenerife	13	55	c
S F'isco	14	57	s	Tokyo	12	54	s
Santiago	29	84	s	Toronto	2	36	s
S Paulo	25	77	f	Tunis	23	73	s
Seoul	11	52	f	Valencia	19	66	s
Sing'por	24	75	r	Vanc'ver	5	41	r
St'kholm	2	36	s	Venice	14	57	s
Strasb'rg	10	50	c	Vienna	8	46	c
Sydney	22	72	s	Warsaw	3	37	c
Tangier	17	63	c	Wash'ton	14	57	s
Tel Aviv	19	66	f	Wel'ngton	14	57	r
Tenerife	13	55	c	Zurich	12	54	f

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low A will move east with little change of pressure. Low T will move east and fill



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.19	5.59	6.51	5.62	Liverpool	6.04	7.10	6.56	7.19
Aberdeen	6.36	3.27	9.30	3.33	Lowestoft	4.48	2.02	5.02	2.07
Avonmouth	1.04	9.51	2.09	9.51	Margate	6.44	3.75	7.26	3.82
Belfast	6.01	2.95	6.46	2.80	Milford Haven	12.39	5.01	1.36	4.97
Cardiff	12.49	9.03	1.54	8.94	Newquay	—	—	12.36	5.1
Devonport	—	—	12.43	4.1	Oban	12.13	2.8	2.35	2.8
Dover	6.58	5.02	6.49	5.11	Penzance	—	—	12.00	4.1
Falmouth	—	—	12.13	2.9	Portland	12.06	1.4	1.04	1.2
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Ilfracombe	12.06	6.82	1.14	6.58	Tees	10.57	4.17	11.42	4.25
King's Lynn	1.02	4.6	1.28	4.8	Weston-s-Mare	6.19	3.24	6.56	3.19
Leith	9.37	4.23	10.24	4.31					

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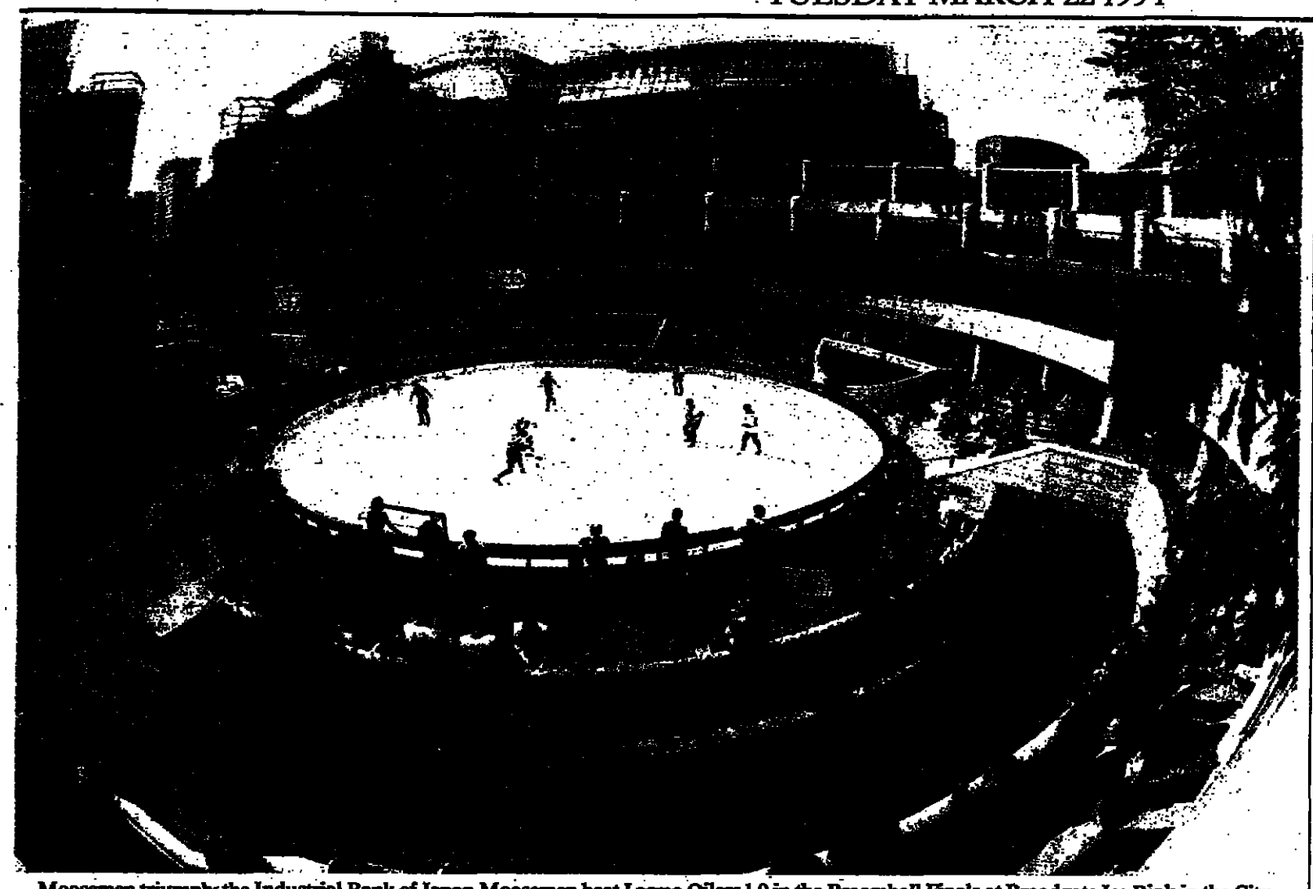
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Moosemen triumph: the Industrial Bank of Japan Moosemen beat Lasmo Oilers 1-0 in the Broomball Finals at Broadgate Ice Rink in the City yesterday. The Lord Mayor of London, Paul Newall, blew the whistle to start the final, the culmination of a tournament involving over 100 City firms

Consumers' mood hits four-year low

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FEAR about the Government's two-year programme of tax increases, starting next month, and worry about unemployment are undermining consumer confidence, according to the latest poll from Gallup.

The poll, conducted between March 3 and March 15 for the European Commission, showed confidence down for the second month running. Forty-two per cent of respondents believed their family finances would worsen over the next year, compared with only 17 per cent who expected them to improve. This was the gloomiest result in the Gallup series since April 1990.

Concern about the future was also highlighted by answers on unemployment. Although the Government's figures have shown unemployment on a falling trend for months, 58 per cent of respondents said they expected unemployment to rise in the next year, against 14 per cent expecting it to fall. Twenty-three per cent thought the general economic situation would improve over the next year, against 40 per cent who expected it to deteriorate. This is the largest negative balance since February last year.

Tomorrow's figures for February retail prices are expected to show a fall in the annual rate of headline inflation from 2.5 to about 2.2 per cent, and underlying inflation declining from 2.8 to 2.6 per cent.

Figures from the Central Statistical Office show that Britain's trade deficit with countries outside the EC fell to £672 million in February, from an upwardly revised January shortfall of £788 million. However, this improvement was due almost entirely to oil.

Imports continue to grow faster than exports. Excluding oil, import volumes rose by 5.5 per cent in the three months to February, compared with the previous three; exports rose by 2.5 per cent.

Dow falls on fears of rise in interest rates

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

FINANCIAL markets were nervous ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Reserve's open market committee, which is widely expected to raise short-term interest rates within the next five weeks.

Fears of an imminent rate rise sent the Dow Jones industrial average down 30 points at 3,864 by mid-morning. The 30-year Treasury bond, the key influence on US mortgage rates, was down 14/32 at 11am, at a yield of 6.94 per cent.

The open market committee does not usually announce its decision on interest-rate policy, and would normally prefer to signal its decision later in its money-market operations. An exception to this rule occurred on February 4, when Alan Greenspan, the Fed's chairman, announced the rise in the overnight federal funds rates from 3 per cent to 3.25 per cent. Many analysts and investors believe a further quarter-point rise is inevitable in view of strong US growth.

Wall Street analysts said that the open market committee will probably give the green light for a further rise in interest rates, but that the rise will not be implemented for some time.

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Beazer thwarts stags

BY CARL MORTISHED

PRIVATE investors hoping to make a handsome turn on their share allocation in the £460 million Beazer Homes flotation could be disappointed. The £115 million public offering was subscribed 1.3 times and brokers expect the shares to trade, at best, at a 10p premium to the 165p offer price when dealings start on Friday.

Hanson, which stands to receive a £400 million cash injection from the sale of the housebuilder, has benefited from the pricing of the offer, which appears to have given little away to new investors. Recent falls in the market and concern about tax increases may also have dampened demand.

Victor Benjamin, Beazer's chairman, said the issue had strong support from institutional and private investors: More than 99 per cent of applicants will receive all the shares they applied for; only those applying for more than 105,000 shares will be scaled back.

NatWest expands in US with $500m deal

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ National Westminster Bank may look at further acquisitions in the US to extend its branch network. The current deal is not expected to be completed until the year end

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is expanding in America again with the $500 million acquisition of Citizens First Bancorp of New Jersey, despite suffering record losses in the US three years ago. The deal will make NatWest one of the largest overseas financial institutions in America, with assets of more than $35 billion.

The acquisition is the biggest made overseas by a British bank since the start of the recession. It shows that the banks' recent surge in profits has given them the funds to look at expansion opportunities overseas again.

The asset base of NatWest Bancorp, the group's American subsidiary, will grow by $2.6 billion and its branch network will increase by 50. This will consolidate NatWest's position as the fourth-largest bank in New Jersey, with 183 branches; it also has 127 in New York City. Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, said the bank might look at further acquisition in the region to extend its branch network further.

In 1991, the future of NatWest Bancorp looked in doubt when it suffered a loss of £182 million because of heavy bad debt provisions on its large property lending portfolio. Lord Alexander, NatWest's chairman, sent out John Tugwell, one of the bank's most senior directors, to head a team to turn NatWest Bancorp round.

The operation was placed in intensive care and recovered to a £109 million profit in 1992. Last year, it was one of the group's most profitable businesses, with profits of £184 million, £4 million more than NatWest's core branch business in Britain.

Mr Tugwell is known to have wanted to expand NatWest Bancorp by acquisition for up to two years, fearing that it was not large enough to compete effectively against larger rivals. Citizens First was the last independent bank in northern New Jersey.

NatWest is paying $9.75 a share for Citizens in a mixture of cash and shares. It will issue up to 43 million shares to Citizens' shareholders, or 2.6 per cent of its total capital. The deal has to be cleared by the US banking authorities and is not expected to be completed until the end of the year.

The price is equal to almost 2.5 times Citizens' net assets, higher than many American banking deals in recent years, but Mr Wanless said it was similar to other recent transactions in the area. He said the acquisition fitted with bank's objective of winning positions in key markets. NatWest Bancorp's management would increase Citizens' income by introducing new products for small business clients and would cut its costs by merging its administration with the rest of the bank.

NatWest Bancorp announced this month that it was relocating its administration to Scranton, Pennsylvania; the move would eventually save up to $25 million. The new centre will also be able to handle the paperwork from Citizens' branches.

NatWest's success in turning round its business in America, and its decision to expand there, contrasts with the deep losses suffered by Barclays' American operations. Among British banks, NatWest is second only to the Royal Bank of Scotland in its success in America. The Royal Bank's American subsidiary in Rhode island, also called Citizens, was consistently profitable throughout the recession and is expanding into Massachusetts with small acquisitions.

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Horney: started on council estates

Brighton paves way for Barbados

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

RAY Horney, who once rented washing machines to families on Brighton council estates, is bringing to the stock market his latest venture — a chain of luxury hotels in Barbados.

Mr Horney is executive chairman of St James Beach Hotels. The company is raising £7 million through a simultaneous placing of shares in London and Barbados to finance further development of his hotels in the Caribbean, after the acquisition of his latest property, to be renamed Crystal Cove. A controlling interest in the company was acquired by Mr Horney's family trusts in 1989, valuing the group at £11.3 million. He instituted a redevelopment programme, spending more than £6 million. The market capitalisation of the placing, sponsored by Seymour Pierce Butterfield, will be about £25 million.

It is a far cry from when Mr Horney began in business in the late 1950s. He and his wife, Maureen, ran an operation renting washing machines to families in the days before most households could afford a new one, driving his own van around Brighton. As people became more prosperous in the 1960s, he took on his first shop and then created a chain, Rayford Supreme, that eventually spanned the South East with 32 outlets. In 1985, he sold out to Harris Queensway, which had made a £21 million agreed bid. Mr Horney joined the Queensway board but soon went his own way. Queensway ended up selling the chain to Woolworths at a loss, as a prelude to its own spectacular collapse.

Asked if he missed Brighton, Mr Horney said: "I love Barbados very much. St. James is a lovely beach and the hotels have a lot of potential."

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Nailing myths on private provision of public services

Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replies to the charge that the Treasury is prejudiced against the private sector

LAST Thursday, *The Times* told its readers that "even after 14 years of Conservative rule, the Treasury still clings to the doctrine of 'public sector good, private sector bad'". This is news to me. It hardly fits with what Ken Clarke, Michael Portillo and I actually say, and it is even harder to square with the facts.

For 15 years, it has been the Government's policy to privatise those parts of the public sector which are not the core activities of Government. In the 1980s, the candidates were obvious. Why should the Government be a steelmaker, a carmaker, an electricity generator or a gas distributor?

Ownership of these activities was transferred to the private sector and the results are there for all to see. Customer service has improved and losses have been turned into profits. In 1979, the nationalised industries cost the Exchequer £2.5 billion a year. Now it *receives* £3 billion a year in tax revenue from the privatised companies.

We are taking the process further. If the Government was a bad manager of steelmaking, why should it be any better at managing the railways, or prisons, or the road network? At the very least, why not invite the private sector to enter alternative bids for the provision of these public services?

The policy is based on the obvious truth that continuing to provide good public services does not mean they have to be provided by the public sector.

Primary health care is a prime illustration of the principle. GPs are self-employed. They operate in the private sector. But the patient still receives free health care because the NHS buys the service on behalf of the patient. It is the purchaser/provider principle which we seek to extend as the basis for delivering better public services.

The truth is that this debate is clouded by the fog of misunderstanding, much of it spread by vested interests and (more recently) the Labour Party. Your leader repeats a number of Labour myths.

Myth 1: The Treasury resents the private sector making money. Why should it? If the private sector makes money, it generates wealth, and with it tax revenue. That is exactly what happened with the industries which have already been privatised. We welcome it.

Myth 2: The Treasury thinks the public sector is better at managing projects than the private sector. Why should it? Forty years' experience of nationalised industries makes this view simply perverse.

Myth 3: The Treasury insists on transferring all risk to the private sector. Anybody who troubled to read the pre-tender documents for the Channel tunnel rail link would know that this is nonsense.

I am all in favour of healthy Treasury-bashing. The Treasury is well used to it. But these myths are dangerous. They divert attention from the real issues. Take, for example, risk. You can, like Robin Cook, try to pretend this does not matter. He told *Newsnight* that in many public sector capital projects there was *no* risk. No risk of cost over-runs? No risk that demand fails to materialise? No risk of delays? It is easy to tell Robin Cook has never run a government department. Risk management is a real issue — it matters who pays when risk materialises. We want a fair sharing of risk — the best way to achieve that is to ensure those responsible for managing a project benefit if they get it right, and carry the can if they get it wrong.

In short, the Government's objective is to establish a new market. That means continuing to purchase public services: but testing our traditional public sector providers against private sector alternatives. If the private sector offers a better deal, we shall not hesitate to use it.

Our critics constantly call for new projects. The fact is that there are plenty in the pipeline: the Channel tunnel rail link; renewing the west coast main line; a new bridge over the Severn; a new £200 million air-traffic control centre for Scotland; two new prisons. All will be designed, built and operated by the private sector. W
e must not reduce the argument to the level of counting photo-opportunities. The Government's job is to deliver better public services to the taxpayer. The evidence of the last 15 years shows that we are serious about delivering them.

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Dorrell: new market needed

Test-track sale ends rescue of Leyland Daf

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE last trading business of the collapsed Leyland Daf lorry company has been sold to its managers, bringing to an end the biggest corporate rescue since the failure of Rolls-Royce 21 years ago.

Although 2,540 employees lost their jobs, John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, the receivers, of Arthur Andersen, the accountant, have saved every business and secured the employment of 2,760 employees, just over half of the original 5,300 workforce.

In total, the receivers are believe to have raised more than £100 million for creditors. The bulk is expected to go to the company's banks, which held charges over its assets and, according to the statement of affairs, were owed £290 million. Unsecured creditors, owed £141 million, appear unlikely to receive anything.

The end of the 13-month rescue was signalled by the purchase of the Leyland Technical Centre by a group of managers, in association with Peter Capon, former Leyland Daf product development director.

They plan to run the laboratories and test track, which stand alongside the truck assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, as a stand-alone research and development facility working under contract to a range of clients. The deal secures the jobs of the 53 staff.

Mr Capon described the centre as "without doubt the finest purpose-designed commercial vehicle test and development facility in the UK if not Europe". The facilities were completed in 1980 at a cost of £27 million. The price paid was not disclosed.

Initially, the biggest customer for the centre's facilities is likely to be Leyland Trucks, the neighbouring lorry-manufacturing plant bought by its managers last June. The truck business is one of more than a dozen successor companies.

Leyland Daf was the British arm of the Anglo-Dutch Daf lorry company which collapsed in February last year after bankers failed to agree a rescue package and restructuring deal. Receivers were appointed to the UK business on February 2.

The first buyout, by managers at the van plant in Birmingham, was completed in April, and secured 1,000 jobs. The truck plant came next, alongside the sale of the marketing business in Thame, Oxfordshire, to Daf Trucks, which took over the Dutch and Belgian operations. In total these employ 770.

Yesterday, Mr McKillop welcomed plans by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, to repair the damage to Britain's company rescue mechanisms caused by February's Appeal Court ruling on Paramount Airways.

"A successful conclusion to a future case like Leyland Daf would not otherwise be possible," he said.


Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, which has a third stake in the joint venture with McCaw

Microsoft links up to satellite

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

MICROSOFT and McCaw Cellular Communications have unveiled plans for a $9 billion satellite system, which would bring telecommunications to virtually every part of the globe, dwarfing present systems in size and concept.

The world's largest software and cellular telecommunications firms yesterday filed a request with the Federal Telecommunication Commission (FCC) to go ahead with a programme that would comprise 840 individual satellites.

The system would offer all telecommunications services but unlike cable, would enable them to be received anywhere, including areas with no prospect of ever being hooked up to fibre-optic cable.

The joint company in charge of this project is Teledesic, based in Washington state. Bill Gates, the founder and chairman of Microsoft, holds about one-third of Teledesic's shares, as does Craig McCaw. His company, McCaw Cellular Communications, owns just under 30 per cent, which will be transferred to AT&T upon completion of its $12.6 billion takeover of McCaw.

The 840 satellites are to be launched in batches of eight over several years. They would move on 21 separate orbits and cover 95 per cent of the earth's surface. Unlike present telecommunications satellites, which orbit the earth at more than 22,000 miles, these satellites would move on a low-earth orbit of only 435 miles, since the system will transmit its signals in the upper range of the radio spectrum, at about 28 billion hertz, a frequency prone to atmospheric disturbances. The advantage of this system is "broadband access" — the ability to transmit the widest range of services.

The size of the project will require substantial capital, which has yet to be raised, and may stretch Wall Street's enthusiasm for telecommunication projects, especially after Motorola raised $800 million towards the $3.3 billion cost of the Iridium satellite telephone system.

Investors will also need persuading that bringing telecommmunications to rural areas and less developed countries is commercially viable.

Insolvency law will save jobs

THOUSANDS of jobs should be saved as a result of yesterday's passage through the Commons of the emergency Insolvency Bill, announced by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, last week (Lindsay Cook writes).

The measure, which is expected to receive royal assent by the end of the week, will enable receivers and administrators to keep people in work while they look for buyers for insolvent businesses. Insolvency practitioners would otherwise have been personally liable for employees' wages. The cost could have reached £1 billion.

Tele Danmark's partial sell-off could raise £2bn

TELE Danmark, the Danish state-controlled telecoms group, could raise up to £2 billion through its partial privatisation, the terms of which were announced yesterday. The company is offering 63.2 million B shares to the market with the issue price based on investor bids and set around April 28. The issue will reduce the Danish state's stake from 89.9 per cent to 51 per cent. It will make Tele Danmark the second-biggest company in the country in terms of stock-market capitalisation.

The issue will be divided into five geographical tranches — Britain, the Nordic area, the United States, Europe and the rest of the world. Denmark's Den Danske Bank and Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, are the global co-ordinators of the issue and are lead managers in their areas. UBS and BZW were named lead managers on the European continent and in Britain respectively. Last week, Tele Danmark reported a rise in net 1993 profits to DKr1.56 billion (£160 million) from DKr916 million.

Pendragon lifts dividend

A RECOVERY in sales and improved margins helped Pendragon, the multi-franchise motor dealer, to a 41 per cent jump in pre-tax profits, from £5.23 million to £7.37 million, in 1993. Turnover grew 28.8 per cent, to £276.4 million (£214.6 million), including a £5.6 million contribution from acquisitions. New car profits rose to £11.7 million (£9.1 million), boosted by strong performances from Jaguar, Land Rover and Volvo. The final dividend is raised to 4.8p (4.4p), giving an improved total of 7.2p (6.6p) for the year. The shares eased 2p to 304p.

Tesco looks to Hungary

TESCO plans to invest £12 million in a Hungarian food retailing company to provide a foothold in the developing markets of Eastern Europe. Global TH, which operates 43 stores in north west Hungary, floats on the Budapest Stock Exchange next month, as part of the government's privatisation programme. Tesco expects to end up with about 45 per cent of the company. Tesco is familiar with Global's business, having provided technical and operational advice to it for more than two years. Last year, Global made pre-tax profits of £1 million on sales of about £25 million.

Rossington to reopen

RJB Mining is to resume coal production at Rossington Colliery, near Doncaster, after agreeing to lease the pit for 10 years from British Coal. Rossington is the second surplus pit offered to the private sector to re-open in private hands. In January, RJB resumed production at Clipstone colliery. RJB has recruited 120 men, including more than 100 former British Coal miners, to re-open the Rossington colliery, which closed a year ago. Production is expected to resume in November, and is targeted to reach 700,000 tonnes a year, at which point 280 miners are expected to be employed.

Astec resumes payout

ASTEC (BSR), the electronics group, has resumed dividend payments after a three-year gap. The company, based in Hong Kong, said a focus on the power conversion business helped to drive up full-year profits to £14.9 million (£7.8 million) in the year to December 31. The company ended the year with net cash. Power conversion profits rose to £13 million (£9 million). Continued cost-cutting concentrated Astec's manufacturing capacity in South East Asia and Mexico. A total dividend of 0.75p (nil) comes via a 0.5p final, on earnings per share up from 2.15p to 4.16p.

Avonside leaps 21%

AVONSIDE Group, the building services and house-building company, provided further evidence of a revival in the construction industry with a 21 per cent advance in full-year profits. Organic growth and acquisitions helped the company, which is based in Wrexham, Clywd, lift pre-tax profits to £5.51 million in the year to December 31, up from £4.56 million last time, on turnover up 29 per cent to £66.3 million. The total dividend is raised to 4.2p (4p), with an improved final payout of 2.3p (2.2p), from earnings of 8.54p (7.08p) a share.

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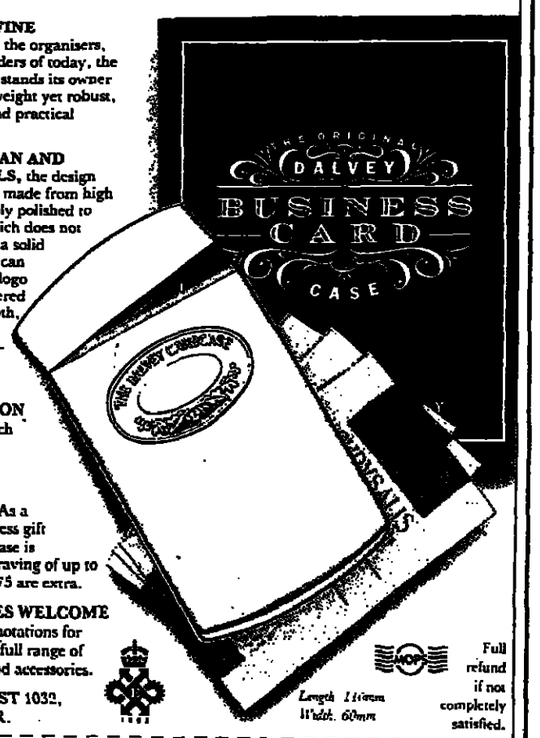
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Invesco to restructure unit trust portfolio

BY ROBERT MILLER

INVESCO, the fund management group, yesterday announced a major restructuring of its 32 unit trusts, which have £1.2 billion under management. The rationalisation follows Invesco's slide down the league tables from Britain's third-largest unit trust group in 1990 to a position now outside the top ten.

Last summer, Imro, the regulator for investment fund managers, fined Invesco £750,000 with costs of £1.6 million for 55 rule breaches and at the time the regulator said it had come close to closing the business down.

Alan Wren, managing director of Invesco Fund Managers, said: "With all that behind us now we are looking to the future. This is a reorganisation and we are not suddenly going to shoot into the first quartile of the performance figures. Last year, when unit trusts groups were growing in size and funds under management, Invesco largely stood still."

The unit trust mergers will be carried out over the next six months to provide "a range of core funds that cater for capital growth and income, supplemented with specialist funds in all the major geographical investment areas".

The most critical tasks facing Mr Wren, who was previously chief executive of the Prudential's unit trust arm, are to persuade independent financial advisers that Invesco's problems over the Robert Maxwell pension saga are behind it and that investment performance is improving.

Sainsbury to uncork off-licence in France

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BRITISH shoppers will soon be able to buy Sainsbury wine and beer in France at French prices when Britain's biggest supermarket group opens an off-licence in Calais.

Sainsbury intends to open a 3,000 sq ft site alongside the Mammouth Hypermarket by late spring. The move is an attempt to capitalise on changes in the law that wiped out restrictions on personal imports of alcoholic drinks and cigarettes. Sainsbury said the site was chosen because of the popularity of Mammouth with shoppers travelling to France to buy beer and wine at cheaper prices.

A spokesman said the move was a one-off and was not a prelude to further expansion in continental Europe.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

CRESTACARE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £341,000
EPS: 0.2p loss
Div: 0.5p, mkg 0.75p
Previous year showed losses of £1.6 million before tax, with loss per share of 1.9p. Dividend was 0.5p, with 0.4p final

DOEFLEX (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.22m (£1.5m)
EPS: 8.83p (12.28p)
Div: 3p, mkg 4.6p
Total dividend in previous year was 4.6p. Turnover rose to £29.9 million from £26.1 million. Margins remain very tight

EW FACT (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.35m
EPS: 13.19p (7.44p)
Div: 2.98p, mkg 4.7p
Profits in previous year were £862,000 and the total dividend was 4.31p. Latest profits include £235,000 tax credit

FIRED EARTH TILES
Pre-tax: £423,000 loss
EPS: 7p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Final results. Previous year showed profits of £23,000, and earnings were 0.2p. Exceptional charge of £312,000

TRAFFORD PARK ESTS
Pre-tax: £2.44m (£1.73m)
EPS: 2.413p (1.720p)
Div: 0.95p (0.85p)
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PM JAMES Chairman

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☐ Barclays takes a risk with customers ☐ Agency chiefs square up in public ☐ Loophole taxpayers can't resist

Computers come out of the closet

☐ BANK managers, it seems, have been reduced to the cycle of management fashion. Barclays had a reputation, at least among customers who write to *The Times*, for providing a more personal service than other high street banks. That may have owed something to family tradition and to Sir John Quinton, the bank manager chairman. After losses from big-ticket loans sent Barclays into the red, and ousted both Sir John and the family approach, the new broom of Martin Taylor, former analyst and textile boss, is sweeping the bank manager's office as part of a "major culture change".

The old-fashioned local manager with time to discuss customers' financial problems will, Mr Taylor argues, give way to computers that are cheaper, easier to come by and more accurate at scoring credit risks. "If you want personal service, you have to pay for it," he insists. Customers opening the cupboard door in search of a reassuring smartly-dressed middle-class middle-aged presence will instead find even smarter chips processing undiscriminating software that uses historically accurate data but may not notice if the customer lies.

This cycle is not new. When Sir Brian Pearse, then of Barclays, went to sort out the lending mishaps that humbled the Midland, he brought back local bank managers who had been put out to grass by a UK retail executive from outside the industry. Sir Brian thought their skills needed and undervalued. Then more new brooms came from the East.

Brian Pitman, who has helped make Lloyds the most profitable big four bank, says managers are not so much disappearing as being re-skilled. When half the income comes from fees, charges and commissions, "the job has changed very much from lending to customers to spending a great deal more time advising on a much wider range of products". In other words, selling.

In retail banking, as in other traditional services, functions are having to be separated as competition and varying customer demands force implicit cross-subsidies to be unwound. Good executives embrace change, but cutting costs and hunting commission will not always be the right response.

Barclays might risk losing the very quality that was seen to differentiate it from others. And do computers really score better? Would computer programmes have warned banks that developing countries were borrowing so much that risks were mushrooming? Would they have spotted spiralling house prices that devalued houses' traditional security, that property prices were vulnerable to prolonged high interest rates or that recession would fell swathes of small business? Almost certainly not, because the central managers who led the lending drives, and whose judgments would be fed into the programmes, did not understand. Cautious local bank managers, reckoning things had got a bit out of hand, might well have done so.

Bad advertisement for Saatchi

☐ OFFICE politics is a nasty business, and generally best left to insiders. But the row at the top of *Saatchi & Saatchi* has now spilled over into the public arena, with at least one and probably both of the combatants using the press as a megaphone to further his cause.

In the blue corner is Charles



Scott, bean-counter in chief (his description) to the now-departed Robert Louis-Dreyfus. He says he will look after the finances if the heavy-hitters on the advertising side will just go out there and win some more work, the only quick way out of a hole for Saatchi. Currently, it must be said, the tide of revenues is flowing in the opposite direction.

In the red corner is Maurice Saatchi, who has clearly been using some well-oiled channels of communication to the papers to put the view that a "showdown" is to be feared that could see one or the other of the pugilists out of the ring ere long. He believes Saatchi should not necessarily be run by a man who has said that the winning of new business is not his brief, i.e., a bean-counter, i.e., Scott. His preferred way forward, aside from his own man as chief executive, is an incentive scheme for senior management that will cut basic salaries and pay out by results. Scott is happy to concede an incentive scheme, as long as this is not a way of allowing Saatchi *et al* to take a quick one-off gain from the parlous state the group has been brought to by their own overweening ambition in the 1980s. The matter will be resolved by the summer, when Sir Peter Walters, chief mover among the non-executives, completes his study into costs and salaries.

Both men hope the Walters review will back their respective sides. Scott would appear to be on difficult ground if, in the end, the board have to choose between him and Saatchi. There are bean-counters aplenty, but there are only two Saatchis, and one of them is out of the frame for now. If Maurice goes, so too could depart, at the very least, the $100 million of revenues he himself directly oversees.

The best indications are that Saatchi, and not Scott, was the prime mover behind the creation of the feud, which appears to have neatly coincided with his decision to emerge from near-exile and self-imposed sackcloth-and-ashes.

A true cynic might suspect that Saatchi has himself created a *casus belli* in order to face the non-executives with the above choice while leaving them with just one option. Nasty business, office politics; particularly, it seems, in advertising.

Virtually Asking for Trouble

☐ THERE is something ludicrous about thousands of people with surplus cash paying advance bills to electricity companies that already have an embarrassingly large cash flow to deprive the Exchequer, which is desperate for money. At today's interest rates, it pays to pay in advance of VAT at 8 per cent next month and the full rate next year — but not much. Customers who would normally think twice about locking up cash for two years or more, seem happy to do so. The prospect of avoiding tax makes many Britons heedless of all other thoughts. Every year, thousands make terrible investments to secure tax concessions.

Twenty years ago, it was immoral considered by some to encourage pre-payment of utility bills to pre-empt price rises. Today, many fuel companies would have been happy to join advisers and commentators in advertising the practice if the Customs men had not started glaring sternly. Come the event, however, many recipients seem ungrateful, complaining that the extra administrative and billing costs might well outweigh interest on the customers' cash. The whole exercise looks like a drain on resources.

Whose fault is that, the smart customers will legitimately ask? They know that any losses to Kenneth Clarke are entirely due to the Treasury, which either did not care or did not bother to write safeguards to tax revenue into the Finance Bill. Nothing new there. A previous Chancellor's announcement that double mortgage relief would end, removing a tax incentive to live in sin, produced a house price bubble that cost many dear, including the taxman. Mr Clarke must hope the final loss of VAT will be well short of the £200 million some prematurely suggested.

House builders advance

TWO housebuilders have boosted profits at their respective full and half-year stages.

Wilson Bowden increased pre-tax profits 85 per cent to £31.2 million (£16.9 million) in 1993, completing 1,860 houses against 1367 in 1992. Stripping out a £5.5 million refund of a pension scheme surplus, like-for-like profits still showed a 52 per cent increase. The total dividend rises a shade under 7 per cent to 9.3p via a 6.65p final. Wilson's earnings per share jumped to 26.5p from 14.2p.

Tay Homes reported taxable profits up 18.5 per cent to £1.22 million (£1.03 million) in the six months to December 31, 1993. The interim dividend is up 12.5 per cent to 1.35p (1.20p).

Argos considers special payout to shrink cash pile

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ARGOS, the catalogue retail chain, is considering plans to pay a one-off dividend to shareholders to reduce its growing cash mountain.

Mike Smith, the chief executive, said the company was also looking at acquisitions in non-food and non-clothing retailing as another way to reduce its cash pile, which stood at £171.1 million at the year end on January 1.

However, Argos may be reluctant to risk a major acquisition following the failure of the Chesterman furniture chain, its previous attempt at diversification.

Mr Smith's remarks came as he unveiled a strong rise in pre-tax profits for 1993, from £52.9 million to £83.5 million, beating the most optimistic City expectations. Last year's figure, which was for a 53-week period, was depressed by £18.9 million of operating losses and closure costs for Chesterman. Excluding these one-off factors, underlying profits rose by 16.3 per cent.

Sales in the catalogue business were 12.4 per cent higher than in 1992, with 5.1 per cent generated by new stores and 7.3 per cent coming from like-for-like growth. The like-for-like trend was even stronger in the second half, with sales up by 8 per cent.

All product ranges reported positive sales growth; furniture, office equipment, gifts and jewellery were the strongest performers. Most product categories increased market share, though the company lost ground in the DIY and gardening sector to lower-priced out-of-town competitors such as B&Q and Texas.

Keen pricing of the autumn/winter catalogue depressed gross margins but this was partly offset by a move towards higher-margin lines such as furniture and jewellery.

Mr Smith said cost inflation was moderating but the company had increased expenditure on its catalogues as well as its advertising and promotion costs. Last year, it spent more than £40 million printing and advertising 29 million catalogues.

Mr Smith believes gross margins will continue to decline as a result of intense price competition. But he added that Argos can recoup much of the reduction through product mix, direct importing and expansion of both the superstore format and the home delivery operation.

Twenty-six stores, including three superstores, were opened last year, bringing the total chain to 323 stores. A further 30 outlets are planned in the current year and Argos believes there is potential for up to 600 stores across the country. Capital expenditure will rise from last year's £29.5 million to £41.1 million next year, to fund the increased store opening programme.

Current trading was encouraging, with a continuation of the strong trend in the second half of 1993. A final dividend of 5.65p (4.8p) brings the total for the year to 8p (7), an increase of 14 per cent.

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Lipton challenge to British Land

BY SARAH BAGNALL

BRITISH Land's bid for control of the £1 billion Broadgate offices in the City is being challenged in the courts by Stuart Lipton, chief executive of Stanhope Properties, the financially troubled owner of half the Broadgate complex.

Mr Lipton and his family interests are contesting British Land's ownership of 49.6 million shares in Stanhope acquired last month from the Bank of Nova Scotia, which received the stake as security for loans to the collapsed Olympia & York property company.

The Lipton group's claim is based on pre-emption rights over the shares contained in the original subscription agreement when the shares were issued to O&Y in 1988. It has issued writs against British Land, Bank of Nova Scotia and Olympia & York UK. The subscription agreement also included a prohibition of any sale of the shares to a competitor of Stanhope without its consent.

Lord Sharpe, Stanhope's chairman, said it was the board's duty to clarify the ownership and control of a substantial block of shares by establishing the validity of the agreement between BNS and British Land.

Lord Sharpe said he did not believe the British Land initiative was in the best interests of the company because it envisaged the transfer of its interest in Broadgate to British Land.

British Land said it took full advice when the 29 per cent stake was acquired. John Weston-Smith, finance director, said it wished to continue discussion about a restructuring of Stanhope.

Confident Bunzl leaps 38%

BY SARAH BAGNALL

BUNZL, the international paper and packaging group, yesterday unveiled a 38 per cent leap in pre-tax profits for 1993 and voiced confidence of further growth this year.

Anthony Habgood, chief executive, said: "Against the background of improving economic conditions, we are continuing to expand our strong business and improve performance across the group."

Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 rose from £40.4 million to £55.8 million, helped by a stronger dollar, improved sales and greater efficiencies.

The final dividend rises 0.1p to 2.3p, making a 4.1p total.

Sales increased 16 per cent to £1.5 billion in spite of weak prices, with acquisitions contributing £41.6 million to sales and £1 million to total operating profits of £64 million.

ALAN WELLER



Sir Anthony's good news on profits was clouded by problems with the US government

Lucas soars to £20m at half time

LUCAS Industries, the automotive and aerospace engineer, has flown into further turbulence over a US aviation defence contract. The company yesterday admitted a government enquiry into "possible non-conformance to contract specifications".

Lucas is already in trouble on US government contracts taken by its Lucas AUL offshoot for military radios and missile-release systems. The company said yesterday that its provisions of £9.3 million relating to "alleged testing irregularities", would be largely used this financial year.

In addition, there are further difficulties on unrelated contracts won by its Lucas Western business, also for one of the big American builders of military planes. Lucas, where Sir Anthony Gill is chairman and chief executive, was announcing interim figures to end-January that showed pre-tax profits of £20.1 million, against £4.2 million for the previous first half. The interim dividend is held at 2.1p, although this year the payment is covered by fully diluted earnings per share of 2.2p.

The best performer was the automotive side where operating profits more than doubled from £13 million to £27 million. Aerospace profits rose a third to £8.9 million while at applied technology, Lucas's third arm, profits virtually disappeared to £800,000 (£4.2 million) due to weak demand. On a falling stock market, Lucas shares lost 10p to 209p.

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Badgerline set to be number one

Badgerline is set to become the largest private-sector bus and coach operator in Britain, following its agreed £38 million takeover of Rider Holdings. Rider, which operates in West Yorkshire, is Britain's fifth-largest private-sector bus company.

Gearing will rise to 135 per cent following the deal, but Badgerline expects this to fall substantially during the year. Rider made pre-tax profits of £3.9 million in the year to March 31, 1993, and had net assets of £9.8 million.

BPP behind

BPP Holdings, the education and training group, saw profits ease in 1993. Its language training arm slipped £728,000 into the red, owing to the worsening continental European business climate. Last time, the division, which has been heavily cut back, made profits of £207,000. Overall, the group made taxable profits of £6.3 million (£6.7 million), with earnings per share dipping to 13.2p (14.5p). A final dividend of 5.8p gives a total of 8.8p (8p).

Loans up

Nationwide Building Society, the second-largest, will today announce a range of dearer fixed-rate loans following a rise in the cost of borrowing money on the wholesale markets. Its two-year fixed rate for first-time buyers will rise from 6.2 per cent to 6.29 per cent. The society declined to give details of other rates but confirmed that some of them could be higher.

Property prices boost Hongkong Land

BY CARL MORTISHED

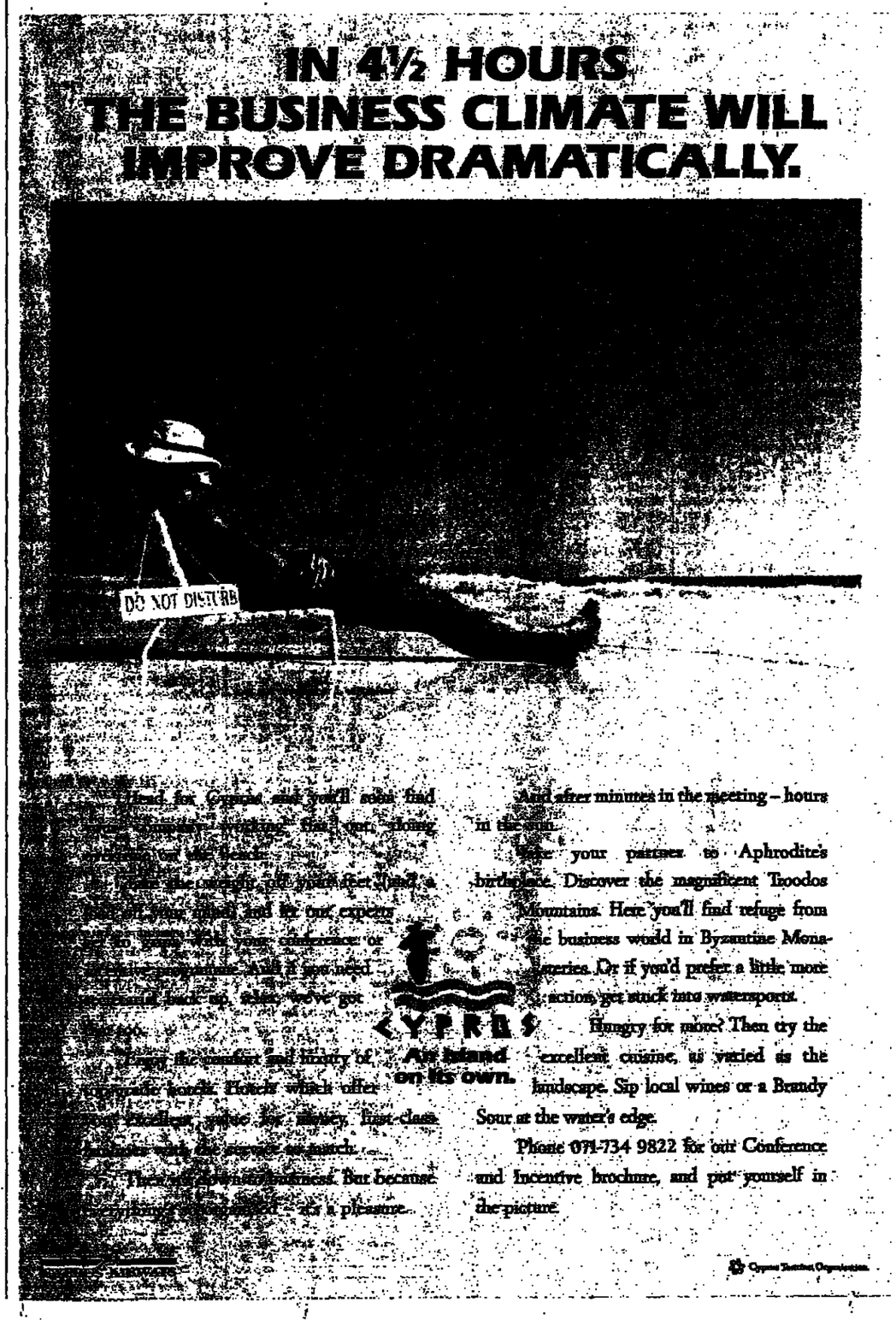
SOARING property values in Hong Kong added US$2.5 billion last year to the net worth of Hongkong Land, the property company controlled by Jardine Matheson. A sharp rise in rents helped to boost net asset value by half, to $2.93 a share, at the end of December but the group suffered a $20 million loss from its 25 per cent stake in Trafalgar House, the troubled British construction group.

The rise in net assets failed to boost Hongkong Land shares, owing to fears of an interest rate rise, which hit Hong Kong property stocks. Simon Keswick, the chairman, said the Hong Kong property market remained strong: "The group's rental income will begin to grow once again in 1994, on the back of positive rental reversions which are now being achieved."

Pre-tax profit by rose $1 million, to $356 million, but the company took a $213 million profit on the sale of an office building below the line. The total dividend rises 5 per cent, to 10 cents.

Hongkong Land spent $175 million supporting Trafalgar's rights issue last year but still managed to generate net cash flow of $128 million. Cash resources rose from $820 million to $987 million and net debt was $82 million.

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Dealers decide to batten down the hatches

MARKET-MAKERS have decided that they are on a hiding to nothing these days with the equity market's current volatility forcing them to play safe.

Attempts at soothing investors' frayed nerves met with little success as the FT-SE 100 index closed near its low for the day, dipping back below the 3,200 level. The better than expected February trade figures provided only a temporary boost to sentiment with losses accelerating in late trading as Wall Street opened more than 30 points down. In the event, the index finished 20.1 down at 3,198.0 in thin conditions with only 506 million shares traded.

The market-makers were anxious to close any open positions before today's meeting of the Federal Reserve which is expected to signal a rise in US interest rates. They claim pressure for a cut in domestic interest rates makes it too dangerous for them to take the bear tack, while rising US rates prevent them from going long of stock.

De La Rue suffered a bout of nerves making its debut as a constituent of the top 100 shares. The price tumbled 41p to 980p. The other two newcomers were **Tarmac**, down 3p at 198p, and NFC, 3p easier at 244p. They are replacing **Schroders**, 24p better at £11.93, **Anglian Water**, 5p up at 502p, and **Scottish Hydro**, 3p firmer at 361p. The last mentioned benefited from a recommendation by UBS, the broker.

Rentokil, which unveiled figures last week, eased 3p to 238p before a meeting with UBS last night.

Thorn EMI slipped 9p to £11.13 with sentiment still overshadowed by the High Court battle between Sony and George Michael, the pop star, over contracts. The court case is expected to be concluded this month with the verdict delivered later in the year. Brokers are becoming increasingly worried about the impact on music companies if the verdict favours George Michael.

Renewed weakness in the Hong Kong stock market left **HSBC** 27p lower at 760p, after touching 740p. **Cable and Wireless** were off 16p at 425p, while **Standard Chartered** dropped 36p to £11.24. **National Westminster** fell 13p to 472p after paying $500 million for Citizens First Bancorp. Brokers such as Kleinwort Benson gave a cool reception to the deal. The rest of the banks saw **Barclays** down 12p at 540p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** off 5p at 432p, and **TSB Group** 4p lighter at 229p.

Argos rose 4p to 359p helped by better than expected full year figures showing pretax profits up from £52.9 million to £83.5 million. The group was confident about prospects for the current year and said its store opening programme consisting of 30 new outlets in 1994 was on target.

Bunzl, the packaging group, firmed 2p to 183p on a bumper set of full-year figures showing pre-tax profits 38 per cent ahead at £55.8 million.

Lucas Industries fell 10p to 209p despite a recovery in pretax profits from £4.2 million to £20.1 million.

Badgerline, the coach operator floated in November, was 1p lighter at 118p after announcing plans to pay £38 million for Rider, the West Yorkshire bus operator. Only last month Badgerline paid £23 million for PMT Group.

The steady stream of new issues continued with first time dealings in **Wellington Holdings**, the polymer products group. The shares, placed at 203p, started life at 214p before ending the day at 217p. A total of 3.2 million shares changed hands.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts recovered from a hesitant start with shorts making most of the running. But conditions were nervous before today's Fed meeting. The June series of the Long Gilt closed off the bottom with a fall of £3/16 at £109 5/32 with just 52,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 shed £3/32 at £113 21/32, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 firmed £5/32 to £110 9/16.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares stayed lower in midday trading as the market continued its pullback after Friday's program-driven rally. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 33.39 points at 3,862.26.



Anthony Harris

When Soros backs a loser, everyone pays

Inflation falls, and so does the bond market. When markets behave so irrationally, it is tempting to blame the politicians. Easy, too. First Kenneth Clarke muffed a rate cut; and now the heat is on President Clinton. He is keen to divert attention from Whitewater by acting the hands-on economic President. Disaster. He lectures the Germans on the need to cut rates; so naturally they don't. Then he summons Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan for a chat, possibly meant to be secret (the news only leaked out because the Chairman had a prior engagement). Result: bonds are sliding again.

The Fed's Open Market Committee will find itself up a creek when it meets today, damned if it does little or nothing for yielding to the White House. It may be driven to raise rates quite sharply, by half a point or right up to 4 per cent, simply to stop the market waiting for the other shoe to drop. (There is a growing view, first aired in this column, that it should have acted firmly in the first place). Long rates all over the world, meanwhile, will have risen by more than a full point, a debt service burden on taxpayers everywhere. Politicians mess it up: QED.

Is this fair, though? I doubt it. The bond market boom was bound to overshoot at some point, and a bull market correction is inevitably a bit messy. On the present occasion it is more than a bit messy, and the politicians had nothing to do with it. The trouble is in the markets themselves. The pension funds and other long-term investors have had a marvellous ride in bonds, and nearly all of them seem to be taking the correction in their stride; the market-makers report little institutional dumping. You win a lot, then lose a little: that's life.

But there was also an enormous speculative position, supported on borrowing, and speculators have to sell when they take a wrong view. Worldwide — and this is a world market — it may have peaked at over $50 billion, on US estimates. There are still a lot of stale bulls who sell on any market strength. Robert Thomas of NatWest, who has lived in this market for as long as I have been writing about it, estimates that it may be May before they have squared their positions, and the market can get back to what it is meant to do: obtain reasonable real returns on rational inflation expectations.

This delay is damaging. Those who derive inflation forecasts from bond yields (and who ought to know better in the middle of a speculative shake-out) scare us with fears of higher inflation. If these are believed, they could become self-justifying, but are luckily unlikely to survive the good inflation news still in the pipeline. What will last, though, is the smarting feeling of burnt fingers. The whole espisode will impose a new and unnecessary risk premium to bond yields. That is the burden on future taxpayers.

We have known for more than 60 years how to reduce the size of such speculative bubbles. Margin trading by small US investors led to the 1929 stock market crash, when forced selling through margin calls drove prices down by 90 per cent, start to finish. As a result, the generous margins which stockbrokers had financed were banned, for the protection of small investors. The professionals are margin traders, too: yet nobody seems to draw the same conclusion, and call for restricted speculative credit.

This is partly becuase professionals are supposed to be able to look after themselves, and possibly because central bankers are probably delighted when George Soros and his rivals drop the occasional packet. The central bankers may also be reassured because the lending banks are much more sophisticated these days: the usually suspicious Robin Monroe-Davies of IBCA, the bank rating agency, is full of praise.

But there is a wider good to protect than that of the banking system: all markets are inter-connected and speculative troubles spread. If central bankers would stick to their last and control credit more tightly, they might worry less about innovation.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4840 (-0.0052)
German mark .... 2.5198 (-0.0059)
Exchange index .... 80.4 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3198.0 (-20.1)
Dow Jones .... 3862.26 (-33.39)*
Nikkei Avg .... Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5¼-5⅛%
US Federal Funds 3 5/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.50-3.49%*
Long Bond 6.95%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4840*	£:$	1.4841
$:DM	1.6978*	£:DM	2.5197
$:SWfr	1.4369*	£:SWfr	2.1319
$:Ffr	5.7938*	£:Ffr	8.5925
$:Yen	106.24*	£:Yen	157.61
£:SDR	1.0648	£:ECU	1.3047

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 386.80 .... PM 386.45
Close 385.60-386.10
New York:
Comex 386.65-387.15*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $13.80 per bbl (May)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	18.74	17.24
Belgium Fr	55.15	50.75
Canada $	2.142	1.982
Cyprus Cyp£	0.792	0.742
Denmark Kr	10.50	9.70
Finland Mkk	8.91	8.11
France Fr	9.05	8.35
Germany Dm	2.68	2.47
Greece Dr	386.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	12.15	11.15
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2591.00	2436.00
Japan Yen	173.00	156.00
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.986	2.756
Norway Kr	11.54	10.74
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.50
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	214.00	200.00
Sweden Kr	12.28	11.48
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	32500.0	30000.0
USA $	1.585	1.465

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Vymura sets £40m target for flotation

By Philip Pangalos

VYMURA, the leading manufacturer of wallcoverings, plans to issue a new type of paper in May, putting a value of about £40 million on the company through a stock market flotation.

The company is owned by managers and a consortium of institutional investors following a £14 million management buyout in June 1992. Four senior managers own about half the shares, with the balance held by venture capitalists, including Barclays Development Capital, 3i Group and Prudential Venture Managers.

Vymura originally formed part of ICI's paints division and in the 1960s invented paper-backed vinyl wallcovering, thus creating the Vymura brand name. The company claims a market share of about 14 per cent of UK domestic wallcoverings.

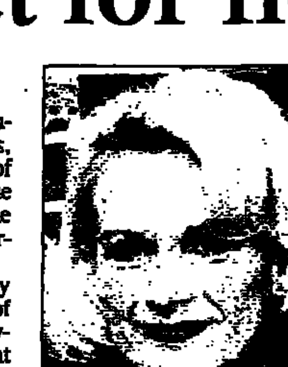
Vymura made operating profits of £3.96 million in 1993, on a turnover of £38.3 million.

□ Lombard Holdings is planning to float on the stock market by the summer — a year after the £32 million management buyout from Continental Insurance Company of America. It is expected to be valued at between £60 million and £70 million and will raise up to £18 million in fresh funds.

Management holds about 10 per cent, with the balance owned by Electra, the lead investor in the buyout, and the other institutional investors — Pheonix Development Capital, Bank of Boston and Brown Shipley Venture Managers. Management and the venture capitalists are expected to sell shares.

□ Shares in Newport Holdings, the property company that invests in commercial, industrial and retail properties, have been priced at 100p each, capitalising the group at £6.1 million when trading begins on Thursday.

□ Just Group, the character-licensing group founded by Wilf Shorrocks and Paula Hayes, whose line-up includes Bassett's Jelly Babies and Cadbury's Caramel Bunny, is placing 18.8 million shares at 2.5p each. The placing, representing 30.4 per cent of the enlarged share capital, will raise £260,000 net of expenses, capitalising the company at £1.55 million.



Hayes: Just Group issue

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Fidelity Jps Wrts	57	+2
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Israel Fund Wrts	27½	...
Mercury Euro Prvtn	462	+2
Midland Indp Nws (140)	167	-3
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	51	...
Mithras Inv Wrts	26	...
Partco	223	-1
Ptarmigan Int'l C	199	...
Radstone Tech (125)	118	...
Saracen Value (100)	95	...
Saracen Value Wrts	37	-1
Schroder UK Gwth	495	-1
Tring Intl (118)	129	...
United Carriers (153)	158	...
Waste Recycling (50)	68	-2
Wellington (205)	217	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Burford n/p (92)	9½	...
Cap & Regional n/p (173)	14	...
Care UK n/p (4¼)	3½	...
Conrad Ritblat n/p (42)	4	...
Creston Land n/p (15)	2	-½
Haden Maclellan n/p (62)	6	-3
Wetherspoon JD n/p (315)	49	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Barratt Devs	263p (+9½p)
Ranger	360p (+10p)
Wolseley	944p (+9p)

FALLS:

Reed Int	848p (-21p)
Utd Newspapers	671p (-17p)
Pearson	644p (-9p)
Lucas	209p (-10p)
Barclays	540p (-12p)
HSBC	760p (-27p)
SG Warburg	748p (-17p)
Whitbread	528p (-12p)
Tay Homes	211p (-42p)
Bilton	680p (-20p)
Cable Wireless	426p (-15p)
Mitel	354p (-15p)
Broken Hill	815½p (-13p)
De La Rue	980p (-41p)
Carlton Comm	940p (-23p)
Man Utd	678p (-21p)

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WALL STREET

	Mar 21 midday	Mar 18 close
AMP Inc	63¾	64
AMR Corp	61¼	61⅞
Abbott Labs	28⅝	28⅞
Aetna Life	57	57⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	47⅝	48⅛
Albertson's	29⅝	29
Alcan Aluminum	24⅝	25
Alco Standard	56	56⅝
Allied Signal	38⅝	38⅞
Alum Co of Am	76⅝	77⅛
Amax Gold Inc	7⅝	7⅝
Amerada Hess	48⅝	49
Amer Brands	30⅝	31⅛
Amer Cyanamid	45⅛	45
Amer El Power	31¼	32⅛
Amer Express	29⅞	30⅛
Amer Genl Corp	28⅝	28⅞
Amer Home Pr	59	59⅝
Amer Intl	83⅝	84⅝
Amer Stores	52⅝	52⅛
Amer T & T	53⅛	53⅝
Ameritech	40⅞	41⅛
Amoco	54⅞	55
Anheuser-Busch	51¼	51⅝
Apple Computer	35⅞	36⅛
Archer Daniels	24⅝	25
Arkla	7¼	7⅛
Armco	5⅛	5⅛
Armstrng Wrld	55	55⅝
Asarco	26⅛	27
Ashland Oil	43⅛	43⅝
Atl Richfield	100⅞	101
Auto Data Pro	54⅛	54⅛
Avery Dennison	28⅝	29⅛
Avon Products	57⅛	57
Baker Hughes	19⅝	20⅛
Baltim Gas & El	22⅝	23
Banc One	34⅞	34⅝
BankAmerica	42	42⅝
Bank of NY	52⅞	53⅛
Bankers Tr NY	74⅝	75
Barnett Banks	45	45⅝
Bausch & Lomb	49⅞	49⅝
Baxter Intl	23⅛	23⅝
Becton Dickson	40⅞	40⅝
Bell Atlantic	52⅝	52⅞
BellSouth	55	55⅞
Black & Decker	21¼	21⅛
Block (H&R)	45⅛	46⅛
Boeing	46⅝	47⅛
Boise Cascade	25⅛	25⅝
Borden Inc	14⅝	14⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	54	53⅞
Browning Ferris	28⅛	29⅛
Brunswick	23⅝	23⅝
Burlington Nthn	65⅝	65⅞
CBS	310⅞	317⅞
CNA Financial	68	67⅝
CPC Intl	47⅞	48
CSX	87⅞	88
Campbell Soup	40	40⅛
Cdn Pacific	17⅞	17⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	704¼	706⅞
Cptl Holdings	32⅝	33⅛
Carolina Pwr	27	27⅛
Caterpillar	117⅞	119⅛
Central & SW	25⅞	25⅝
Champion Intl	29⅞	30⅛
Chase Manhat	31¼	32⅞
Chemical Bk	37⅞	38⅞
Chevron Corp	91¼	92⅞
Chrysler	57⅝	58
Chubb Corp	73⅛	74
Cigna Corp	62⅝	62⅞
Citicorp	38⅝	39⅛
Clorox	52⅞	52⅞
Coastal Corp	32⅝	33⅛
Coca Cola	41¼	42
Colgate-Palmolive	62⅞	62⅞
Columbia Gas	29	29⅞
Commonw Ed	26⅞	27
Compaq Comp	103⅞	103⅞
Comp Ass Intl	39⅛	38⅞
Conagra	28⅝	28⅞
Cons Edison	30⅞	30⅞
Cons Nat Gas	43	43⅝
Conr Rail	59⅝	59⅞
Cooper Inds	38⅝	39⅞
Corning Inc	31¼	32⅛
Crown Cork	40⅞	41
Dana Corp	57⅛	57⅞
Dayton Hudson	75⅛	75⅛
Deere	88⅞	89⅞
Delta Air Lines	48⅝	48⅞
Deluxe Corp	31⅛	30⅞
Detroit Edison	27⅝	27⅛
Digital Equip	32⅝	32⅝
Dillard Dept St	33⅞	34⅝
Disney (Walt)	45⅝	47
Dominion Res	41¼	41
Donelley (RR)	30⅝	30⅞
Dover Corp	65⅝	66⅛
Dow Chemical	64⅞	65⅞
Dow Jones	41¼	41⅛
Dresser	24⅝	24⅛
Duke Power	37⅛	37⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	60⅞	60⅝
Du Pont	58	58⅝
Eastman Kodak	44⅝	45⅝

	Mar 21 midday	Mar 18 close
Eaton Corp	58⅝	59⅛
Emerson Elec	62⅝	62⅞
Engelhard Corp	30⅝	31
Enron Corp	34	34⅛
Entergy	32⅛	32⅛
Ethyl Corp	12⅛	12⅛
Exxon	65⅝	66
FMC Corp	48⅛	48⅝
FPL Group	34⅞	34⅝
Federal Express	70⅞	71⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	81¼	82⅝
First Chicago	50⅞	49⅞
First Interstate	73	73⅝
First Union Rlty	7⅛	8
Fleet Finl Grp	36⅞	37⅛
Fluor Corp	51⅛	51⅛
Ford Motor	61⅛	61⅛
GTE Corp	31⅛	32⅛
Gannett	56⅝	55⅝
Gap Inc Del	44⅝	45⅝
Gen Dynamics	90⅞	91⅛
Gen Electric	104⅛	104⅞
Gen Mills	56⅝	56⅝
Gen Motors	59⅝	60⅛
Gen Reinsurance	105	106⅞
Gen Signal	36	36⅛
Genuine Parts	36⅞	37
Georgia Pac	67	68⅛
Gillette	66⅛	66
Glaxo ADR	20⅝	20⅞
Goodrich (BF)	43⅞	43⅝
Goodyear Tire	45⅛	45⅛
Grace (W&R)	43⅛	43⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	26⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17⅛
Halliburton	32⅛	33
Harcourt General	36⅛	36⅝
Heinz (HJ)	33	33⅝
Hercules	115⅞	116⅝
Hershey Foods	47⅛	49⅞
Hewlett Packard	88⅝	89⅛
Hilton Hotels	68⅞	69⅝
Home Depot	42⅛	42⅛
Homestake Mng	20⅛	20⅞
Honeywell	34⅛	34⅛
Household Intl	33⅛	33⅝
Houston Inds	36⅝	37⅛
Humana	21⅛	21¼
ITT Corp	85⅝	86⅛
Illinois Tool	43⅞	44⅛
INCO	25⅝	26⅛
Ingersoll Rand	38⅞	39
Inland Steel	34	34⅛
Intel Corp	72⅝	72
IBM	57¼	57⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	37⅞	37⅝
Intl Paper	68⅞	70⅛
James River Va	18⅝	18⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39⅛	39⅝
Kellogg	48⅞	48⅞
Kerr-McGee	46⅛	46⅛
Kimberly-Clark	56⅛	56⅞
Kmart	18	18⅞
Knight-Ridder	60⅝	60⅝
Lilly (Eli)	54⅞	53⅞
Limited Inc	19⅛	19⅞
LIN Brdcstng	110⅝	110⅞
Lincoln Nat	41¼	42⅛
Litton	32⅝	32⅞
Liz Claiborne	22⅞	22⅞
Lockheed Corp	66⅛	66⅞
Louisiana Pac	39⅛	40⅛
MCI Commun	25⅝	25⅝
Marriott Int	30⅞	32⅛
Marsh & McLnn	83⅞	84⅛
Masco Corp	34⅛	34⅛
May Dept St	44⅛	45
Maytag Corp	18⅝	18⅞
McCaw Cellular	51⅛	51⅛
McDonalds	60⅝	61¼
McDonnell D	114⅛	114⅞
McGraw Hill	71⅛	71⅛
Mead Corp	43	43⅝
Medtronic	81¼	81¼
Mellon Bk	57	57⅞
Melville Corp	37	37⅝
Merck Inc	31¼	31¼
Merrill Lynch	42⅝	43
Minnesota Mine	102	103⅞
Mobil Corp	79⅛	79⅝
Monsanto	77⅛	78⅛
Morgan (JP)	64⅛	64⅞
Motorola Inc	109⅝	109
Natl Medical	17⅛	17⅛
Natl Semi	24	23⅝
Natl Service Ind	27⅝	28
Navistar Int	25⅛	25⅛
NBD Bancorp	28⅝	28⅛
NY Times A	27⅛	27⅛
Newmont Mng	54⅛	54⅞
Niag Mohawk	18⅛	18⅝
Nike B	57	57⅛
NL Industries	8⅛	8⅛
Nordstrom	40	40⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅝	67⅞
Nthn State Pwr	42⅛	42⅛
Norwest Corp	24⅝	24⅝
Nynex Corp	35⅝	36⅛
Occidental Pet	17⅛	17⅛
Ohio Edison	19⅛	19⅝

	Mar 21 midday	Mar 18 close
Oracle Systems	34	34⅛
Oryx Energy Co	17⅛	17⅛
Owens Corning	39⅝	40
PNC Financial	27⅞	27⅛
PPG Industries	77⅛	79⅛
Paccar Inc	56⅝	56⅞
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	21¼	22
Pac Gas & Elect	30⅞	30⅞
Pac Telesis	55	55⅞
Pall Corp	16⅛	17
Panhandle Estn	22	22
Parker Hannifin	38	38⅞
Peco Energy	27⅝	27⅞
Penney (JC)	56	56⅛
Pennzoil	54⅛	54⅛
Pepsico	37⅞	37⅛
Pfizer	57⅞	57⅞
Phelps Dodge	57⅝	59⅛
Philip Morris	54⅛	55⅛
Phillips Pet	28⅝	29
Pitney Bowes	44⅛	45⅛
Polaroid	32⅝	34
PriceCostco	20⅞	20⅝
Procter & Gmbl	56	58⅛
Pub Serv E & G	29⅝	29⅞
Quaker Oats	67⅞	64⅛
Ralston Purina	44⅛	44⅛
Raychem Corp	40	40⅛
Raytheon	66⅝	67⅛
Reebok Intl	34⅛	35⅛
Reynolds Metals	51⅛	52⅛
Roadway Srvcs	68⅛	69⅝
Rockwell Intl	42⅞	42⅛
Rohm & Haas	55⅞	55⅝
Royal Dutch	103⅛	104⅞
Rubbermaid	29⅝	29⅛
Safeco Corp	55⅝	55⅝
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	80⅛
Salomon Inc	52	51⅛
Santa Fe Pac	24⅝	24⅛
Sara Lee Corp	22	21⅝
Seccorp	16⅛	17
Schering Plough	59⅞	59⅛
Schlumberger	57⅝	58⅛
Scott Paper	46	46
Seagram	29⅛	30⅛
Sears Roebuck	47⅛	48⅛
Shell Trans	61⅛	62⅛
Sherwin Wlms	32⅞	32⅛
Skyline Corp	23⅝	22⅞
Snap-On-Tools	42⅞	43
Southern Co	19⅛	19⅝
Sthwestern Bell	40⅞	40⅞
Sprint Corp	34	34⅛
Stanley Works	40⅝	40⅞
Sun Company	34⅞	34⅛
Sun Microsys	30⅛	30⅛
Suntrust	46⅝	46⅛
Supervalu	34	34⅛
Syntex Corp	15	15
Sysco Corp	26⅞	27⅛
TRW Inc	74⅛	74⅛
Tandem Comp	15⅛	15⅛
Tandy Corp	42⅝	43
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅛
Teledyne	19⅝	19⅛
Temple Inland	48⅝	48⅛
Tenneco	57⅛	57⅛
Texaco	65⅝	66⅛
Texas Inst	87⅛	86⅞
Texas Utilities	37⅞	37⅛
Textron	57⅛	57⅛
Time Warner	42	43⅛
Times-Mirror	33⅛	33⅝
Timken	36⅛	36⅛
Torchmark	42⅝	43
Toys R Us	36⅛	35⅛
Transamerica	53⅛	53⅞
Travelers	35⅝	36
Tribune	60⅛	60⅞
Tyco Labs	54	54
UAL Corp	127	127⅝
UST Inc	27	27⅛
USX Marathon	17⅛	17⅛
Unilever NV	107⅞	107⅞
Union Camp	46⅛	45⅞
Union Carbide	25⅝	25⅛
Union Pacific	60	60⅛
Unisys Corp	15⅛	15⅛
USAir Group	8⅛	8⅝
USF&G Corp	15⅞	15⅛
US Life	39⅛	40⅛
US West	38⅞	39⅞
United Tech	68⅝	68⅝
Unocal Corp	27⅛	28⅛
Upjohn	29⅛	29⅞
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	25⅝	25⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅝	27
Warner-Lambert	63⅛	63⅝
Wells Fargo	142⅝	143⅝
Westinghouse El	13	13⅛
Weyerhaeuser	44⅛	45
Whirlpool	68	68
Whitman	15⅛	16
Winn Dixie	55⅝	55⅞
Woolworth	19⅝	19⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	51¼	52⅛
Xerox	100⅞	100

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,100	Caradon	783	MEPC	212	Sears	4,100
Abbey Natl	1,700	Carlton Cms	1,200	Marks Spr	3,500	Svrn Trent	249
Alld-Lyons	416	Coats Vyla	4,100	NFC	1,600	Shell Trans	5,600
Argyll Gp	4,800	Cm Union	534	NatWst Bk	2,700	Siebe	828
Arjo Wiggn	363	Courtaulds	2,500	Nat Power	1,100	SmKl Bch	533
AB Foods	33	De La Rue	1,100	Nth Wst W	245	Smith Nph	1,300
BAA	771	Enterpr Oil	2,100	Nthrn Fds	950	Sthrn Elec	165
BAT Inds	3,300	Forte	1,200	P & O	1,100	Std Chartd	1,000
BOC	704	GRE	853	Pearson	1,700	Sun Allnce	1,000
BP	7,600	GUS	905	PowerGen	141	Tarmac	3,100
BTR	2,900	Gen Acc	1,600	Prudential	3,500	TI Gp	2,000
BT	5,500	Gen Elec	2,900	RMC	311	TSB	3,500
Bk of Scot	1,100	Glaxo	3,300	RTZ	658	Tesco	3,300
Barclays	5,700	Granada	1,000	Rank Org	565	Thames W	1,700
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	1,200	Reckitt Col	647	Thrn EMI	484
Blue Circle	1,500	Guinness	1,000	Redland	1,800	Tomkins	1,100
Boots	798	HSBC	6,000	Reed Intl	1,700	Unilever	2,400
Bowater	886	Hanson	3,500	Rentokil	850	Utd Bisc	4,400
Brit Aero	2,100	ICI	1,100	Reuters	511	Vodafone	1,100
Brit Airwys	3,200	Inchcape	897	Rolls Royce	9,200	Wrbrg (SG)	298
Brit Gas	2,200	Kingfisher	547	Ryl Ins	939	Wellcome	1,400
Brit Steel	4,300	Ladbroke	820	Ryl Bk Scot	1,400	Whitbread	730
Burmah Cstl	144	Land Secs	740	Sainsbury	3,100	Wlms Hld	825
Cable Wire	7,000	Legal & Gn	669	Scot & New	1,000	Wolseley	631
Cadbury	1,300	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot Power	988	Zeneca	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3862.26 (-33.39)
S&P Composite .... 467.70 (-3.36)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 8667.03 (-465.28)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 416.24 (-2.00)

Sydney: AO .... 2140.5 (-23.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2131.28 (-24.33)

FT 30 share: .... 2527.5 (-14.4)

Brussels:
General .... n/a

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2202.69 (-18.65)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 691.40 (-5.60)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1616.26 (-8.62)
FT Non Financials .... 1745.50 (-6.16)
FT Gold Mines .... 225.6 (+1.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 119.45 (-0.69)
FT Govt Secs .... 98.82 (+0.10)
Bargains 34659
SEAQ Volume 506.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 164.93 (-0.37)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 21	April 1	June 30	July 11

Call options were taken out on 21/3/94: Aminex, Caverdale, Cons Murchison, Delta Gold, Kunick, HSBC, National Home Loan, Regent Corp, Shield pref, Wilton Group.
Puts: LBMS, National Home Loan.
Puts & Calls: Regent Corp, Telemetrix.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 53329)	Jun 94	3207.0	3217.0	3192.0	3198.0	12497
	Sep 94	3218.0	3218.0	3218.0	3216.0	10
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 410731)	Jun 94	94.83	94.85	94.81	94.84	11209
	Sep 94	94.65	94.69	94.63	94.67	11450
	Dec 94	94.41	94.43	94.38	94.42	11390
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 9079)	Jun 94	95.60	95.60	95.60	95.58	101
	Sep 94	95.20	95.20	95.20	95.17	30
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 903135)	Jun 94	94.51	94.51	94.48	94.50	18098
	Sep 94	94.74	94.75	94.71	94.75	16302
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 158585)	Mar 94	109-28	110-00	109-28	110-04	52
	Jun 94	108-30	109-18	108-19	109-05	62148
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	110.50	110.58	110.50	110.53	377
	Sep 94				109.33	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 203212)	Jun 94	96.38	96.52	95.75	95.97	139498
	Sep 94	95.75	95.75	95.75	95.71	276
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 2634)	Jun 94	100.66	100.67	100.55	100.60	51
	Sep 94					0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 28580)	Jun 94	94.05	94.05	94.00	94.02	731
	Sep 94	94.29	94.29	94.22	94.23	401
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 45300)	Jun 94	96.05	96.08	96.01	96.06	3307
	Sep 94	96.10	96.15	96.10	96.14	181
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 98009)	Jun 94	110.35	110.58	109.06	109.63	45530
	Sep 94				109.18	0

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	600	26½	39	49	10½	29½	36½
(*613½)	650	5	17½	27½	41½	61½	67
Argyll	240	24	31½	34½	3	13	17
(*259)	260	10½	19½	24	10½	23½	27½
ASDA	50	9	12	13	1	3	4½
(*57½)	60	3	6	7½	5	7½	9½
Boots	500	42	52½	60½	3	15	19½
(*536)	550	9	23½	34½	23	39½	44½
Br Airways	420	24	35½	43½	8	23½	29
(*431)	460	5	17½	26	33	46½	52
BP	360	19	29	36½	7	14	20½
(*370½)	390	5½	15	22½	24	32	37
Br Steel	140	8½	15	19	5½	11½	14
(*143)	160	2	7	11	19½	23½	26½
C & W	400	33	—	—	5	—	—
(*424½)	425	15	32	—	14½	29	—
CU	550	37	54½	59½	4½	14½	22½
(*578)	600	7½	23	32½	29	38	49
ICI	750	45	68½	77½	8	24	36½
(*783)	800	14½	30	51	30½	47	61½
Kingfishr	550	40½	51½	62	6½	23	32½
(*580)	600	12½	27	38	30	50½	59
Land Sec	650	43	51	57	4	17	21½
(*686)	700	9	21	30	23	44½	48
M & S	390	28	35	41½	2½	12	14
(*413)	420	8½	18½	25½	14	26	28
Nat West	460	25½	43½	49½	10½	19	29
(*474)	500	7	24½	31	33½	42	51
Sainsbury	360	27	38½	47	4	17	21
(*385½)	390	11	22	30	15½	32	35½
Shell	660	29½	48	56	6	16½	26
(*670)	700	5	23	30	34½	42½	52½
Smkl Bch	390	22½	36½	47½	8½	22	30½
(*401)	420	8	23	33	26	38½	47
Storehse	200	21½	27½	31	2	7½	9½
(*217½)	220	7	15	19½	8½	18½	19
Trafalgar	97	12	17	—	3	7½	—
(*105)	106	6½	12½	—	6½	11½	—
Unilever	1050	19	45	63	32	43½	55
(*1055½)	1100	4½	26	41½	73	76½	86½
Zeneca	750	26½	52½	66	16½	33½	48
(*756½)	800	7	29½	43½	50	62	76½
BAA	1000	35½	59	78½	17½	42½	50
(*1012½)	1050	13	35½	54½	47	70	76½
Thames W	500	34	42½	48½	4½	19½	24
(*526½)	550	6	15½	23	29½	50	53
Glaxo	650	47	74	87½	10½	28½	47½
(*682½)	700	19	48	62½	33½	53	73
HSBC	750	39	82	98½	28	58½	75
(*760½)	800	20½	58½	75	58	85½	101½
Reuter	2000	71½	148	188½	42	93½	122
(*2020)	2050	45	122½	162½	66½	118½	146

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	480	21½	36	45½	15	25½	30½
(*466)	500	6½	18½	28	41½	49	54
Ladbroke	200	15	23½	29½	7½	13	19
(*206½)	220	5½	14	20½	19½	24½	31
Utd Bisc	330	23½	31½	41	8½	13½	22
(*350)	360	7	17½	27	27½	31½	38
BAT Ind	460	19½	30	39	20½	29½	37½
(*465½)	500	6½	15½	21½	52½	58	65
BTR	360	31	41½	46½	7	12	18
(*382½)	390	12½	23½	30	19	25	32
Br Aero	500	43	62	78½	28	45	57½
(*507½)	550	22½	40	55	57½	73	85½
Br Telecm	390	28	37	42	4½	14	18½
(*409½)	420	11	19	26½	17½	30	34½
Cadbury	493	19	—	—	14½	—	—
(*495½)	542	3½	—	—	50	—	—
Guinness	460	36½	48	57	9½	21½	28
(*488½)	500	13½	27½	36½	30½	43	49
GEC	300	14	18½	23½	9	17½	21½
(*301½)	330	4	6½	12	30½	38½	41
Hanson	280	12	17½	22½	8½	14	18
(*282)	300	4	9½	14	21	26	30
LASMO	130	11½	18	23	10	16	20
(*131)	140	7	14	18½	17	22	26½
Lucas	200	15½	23½	28	7	12½	18
(*209)	220	5½	13½	18½	18½	23½	29½
Pilkingtn	180	21	26	30½	3½	8½	11½
(*195)	200	8	14½	19	12½	18	21
Prudential	330	13	21½	27	16	22	27
(*333)	360	4	10½	15½	39	42½	46
Redland	550	27	39½	52	24½	32½	46
(*565)	600	7	19½	31½	61	66	77
Royal Ins	260	21½	31	37½	8½	15½	21
(*271)	280	11½	21	27½	19½	24½	31
Tesco	220	9½	17	23	13½	17½	22½
(*220½)	240	3½	9	15	28½	31½	35
Vodafone	550	29½	48½	63½	23½	37	48½
(*552)	600	9½	27½	42½	56	68	78
Williams	360	33	38½	44½	6½	12½	17½
(*387½)	390	13½	21½	29	20½	26½	32½
R-Royce	180	15½	22½	27	6½	11½	16
(*192)	200	6	13	17	17	22	27
Eastrn Elc	600	43½	56½	64	8½	25	32½
(*629½)	650	15½	30	38½	33½	52	59

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	460	21½	36½	48	1	13	21
(*479½)	500	1	15½	28½	23½	33½	41
Amstrad	35	4	6½	8	1	3	4
(*38)	40	1	4	6	3	5½	7
Barclays	500	42½	55½	69	1	9½	21½
(*540)	550	3	25½	40½	13	31	44
Blue Circ	330	19½	27½	38	1	13½	22
(*347)	360	1½	13	24½	15½	31	38
Br Gas	300	7	16	20½	1½	14½	19½
(*308)	330	1	4½	9½	26½	36	38
Dixons	200	14	23	28	1	8	15½
(*212)	220	1½	12½	18½	10½	18	20½
Forte	260	5	14½	22½	2½	16½	22½
(*262½)	280	1	7	14½	20	30½	35
Hillsdwn	160	18	17½	21½	1	7	9½
(*173)	180	1½	6½	12	9½	19½	22
Lonrho	140	14	23	28½	1	8	13½
(*153½)	160	1½	12½	19	9	17	24½
Sears	110	8½	11	15	1	4	6
(*117)	120	1½	5½	8½	4½	9½	12
Thrn Emi	1100	21	62	85½	6	34½	63½
(*1112½)	1150	1½	39	60	40½	61½	92½
Tomkins	240	12½	22½	28	1	8½	14½
(*251)	260	1½	11½	17½	10½	18½	25½
TSB	220	10½	19½	27½	1	7½	14½
(*229)	240	1	10½	17½	12½	18½	25½
Wellcome	600	31½	55	77½	2	27	41½
(*627½)	650	2	31	53	27	55	67
Pisons	130	3½	14	21	2½	9½	16
(*132)	140	1	9	17½	10	17	22
Natl Pwr	460	13½	30½	40	1½	23	28
(*471)	500	1	13	23	31	45½	50
Scot Pwr	360	29½	39	46½	1	7	14½
(*387)	390	4	20	29	6	17½	28

FT-SE INDEX (*3198)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Apr	165	126	92	59	37	20
May	186	150	118	89	67	47
Jun	203	167	138	109	86	66
Jul	218	189	156	128	105	85
Dec	—	259	—	198	—	151
Puts						
Apr	20	30	46	67	99	135
May	43	53	72	94	122	151
Jun	58	72	92	113	139	168
Jul	70	86	106	127	155	183
Dec	—	138	—	181	—	232

March 21, 1994 Tot: 31471 Calls 9964 Puts 11507 FT-SE Calls 4968 Puts 1484
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Trading on the softs became very nervous following the US commitment of traders report released after the close of markets on Friday. It gives a breakdown of the number of traders long or short and splits them into speculators, large traders and hedgers. Friday's report shows a worrying build up in speculative open positions on the buy side of the market, which is often a vey bearish sign.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	940-900	May	1020-1018
May	954-953	Jul	1030-1028
Jul	965-964	Sep	1040-1039
Sep	975-974	Dec	1058-1056
Dec	989-988		
Mar	1009-1007		Volume: 2664

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1330-1322	Nov	1327-1326
May	1331-1330	Jan	1323-1320
Jul	1331-1330	Mar	1324-1315
Sep	1330-1329		Volume: 1779

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Jan	11.70-12.35
Spot: 291.80		Mar	11.45-12.50
May	12.25-12.35	May	11.25-12.70
Jul	12.55-12.75	Jul	11.05-13.00
Sep	11.95-12.20		Volume: 25

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	307.5-06.5
Spot: 341.0		Mar	306.0-05.5
May	337.0-36.0	May	307.9-05.9
Aug	333.0-32.0	Aug	311.8-09.5
Oct	311.5-11.0		Volume: 981

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	77.00	141.01	130.28
(+/-)	-5.28	+12.79	+1.14
Eng/Wales:	77.08	140.65	130.21
(+/-)	-5.37	+12.46	+1.18
(%)	-13.8	+0.9	-13.8
Scotland:	74.80	142.02	130.73
(+/-)	-1.74	+13.72	+0.71
(%)	-7.8	+7.1	-3.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	...			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	105.55
May	106.55
Jun	107.00
Sep	93.25
Nov	94.10
	Volume: 362

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	104.65
May	105.75
Sep	93.90
Nov	95.70
Jan	97.75
	Volume: 10

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	180.0	192.5
May	205.0	208.0
Apr	125.0	126.3
		Volume: 182

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Apr 70.25-70.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Potential demand for prompt North Sea crude oil kept the market firm.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.50	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	14.20	+0.15
Brent 15 day (May)	13.80	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	15.00	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (May)	14.90	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	152 (+1)	154 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	137 (+1)	138 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	140 (+1)	141 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	139 (+1)	141 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	73 (-2)	75 (-2)
Naphtha	133 (+1)	135 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Apr	138.50-38.75	Jul	139.50-39.75
May	138.25-38.50	Aug	141.75-42.00
Jun	138.50-38.75	Sep	143.50-44.00
			Vol: 10863

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	13.77-13.79	Aug	13.88 SLR
Jun	13.68 BID	Sep	n/a
Jul	13.75-13.77		Vol: 20302

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	148.00-51.00	Jul	n/a
May	149.00-54.00	Aug	n/a
Jun	n/a		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 94	1280	1270	1280
May 94	1266	1265	1266
Jul 94	1157	1150	1153
Oct 94	unq	unq	1280

Vol: 132 lots. Open int'st: 2767 Index 1152 +6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1940.0-1941.0	1954.0-1955.0	1648950
Lead ($/tonne)	462.00-462.50	475.00-476.00	188425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	954.00-954.50	974.00-975.00	570050
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5565.0	5615.0-5620.0	19455
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1314.5-1315.5	1339.0-1339.5	1792000
Nickel ($/tonne)	5680.0-5685.0	5745.0-5750.0	49416

STERLING

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.4 (day's range 80.4-80.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8297-2.8447	2.8314-2.8349	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	51.85-52.19	51.88-51.98	2-6ds	9-17ds
Copenhagen	9.8660-9.9270	9.8720-9.8870	⅞-1⅛ds	2¼-3⅛ds
Dublin	1.0366-1.0443	1.0366-1.0396	7-10ds	21-26ds
Frankfurt	2.5177-2.5292	2.5181-2.5213	⅛-⅛ds	⅜-⅛ds
Lisbon	258.69-260.02	258.88-259.51	111-121ds	275-297ds
Madrid	206.19-207.47	206.19-206.48	52-61ds	149-161ds
Milan	2487.80-2502.50	2487.80-2491.80	5-7ds	19-21ds
Montreal	2.0230-2.0347	2.0230-2.0259	0.22-0.19pr	0.36-0.27pr
New York	1.4825-1.4875	1.4836-1.4846	0.23-0.21pr	0.49-0.47pr
Oslo	10.9220-10.9790	10.9260-10.9420	⅜pr-par	⅜-2⅛ds
Paris	8.5770-8.6270	8.5850-8.6000	⅜-⅛ds	2¼-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.7010-11.8060	11.7020-11.7260	1⅞-2⅞ds	5¼-6⅞ds
Tokyo	157.48-158.30	157.48-157.74	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.70-17.83	17.75-17.79	⅛-1ds	⅛-2⅛ds
Zurich	2.1304-13.1438	2.1304-2.1334	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4825-1.4850
Australia dollar	2.0841-2.0870
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro*	1175.38-1177.37
Cyprus pound	0.747-0.757
Finland markka	8.1995-8.3115
Greece drachma	365.5-372.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.4684-11.4776
India rupee	46.19-47.15
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4385-0.4485
Malaysia ringgit	4.0369-4.0412
Mexico peso	4.85-4.95
New Zealand dollar	2.6003-2.6044
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.512-5.638
Singapore dollar	2.3529-2.3560
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7773-6.8267
S Africa rand (com)	5.1148-5.1228
U A E dirham	5.398-5.522

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4039-1.4048
Austria	11.95-11.96
Belgium (Com)	34.99-35.00
Canada	1.3650-1.3655
Denmark	6.6570-6.6620
France	5.7875-5.7895
Germany	1.6985-1.6992
Hong Kong	7.7280-7.7290
Ireland	1.4259-1.4274
Italy	1678.25-1679.25
Japan	106.28-106.38
Malaysia	2.7205-2.7215
Netherlands	1.9093-1.9098
Norway	7.3690-7.3720
Portugal	174.52-174.62
Singapore	1.5850-1.5860
Spain	139.10-139.20
Sweden	7.9008-7.9073
Switzerland	1.4375-1.4385

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 3½ Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4 23/32; 3 mth: 4 11/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4 29/32-4 27/32	4 29/32-4 27/32	4 29/32-4 27/32	4 29/32-4 27/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 3½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.55	n/a	3.85	4.14	4.65
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

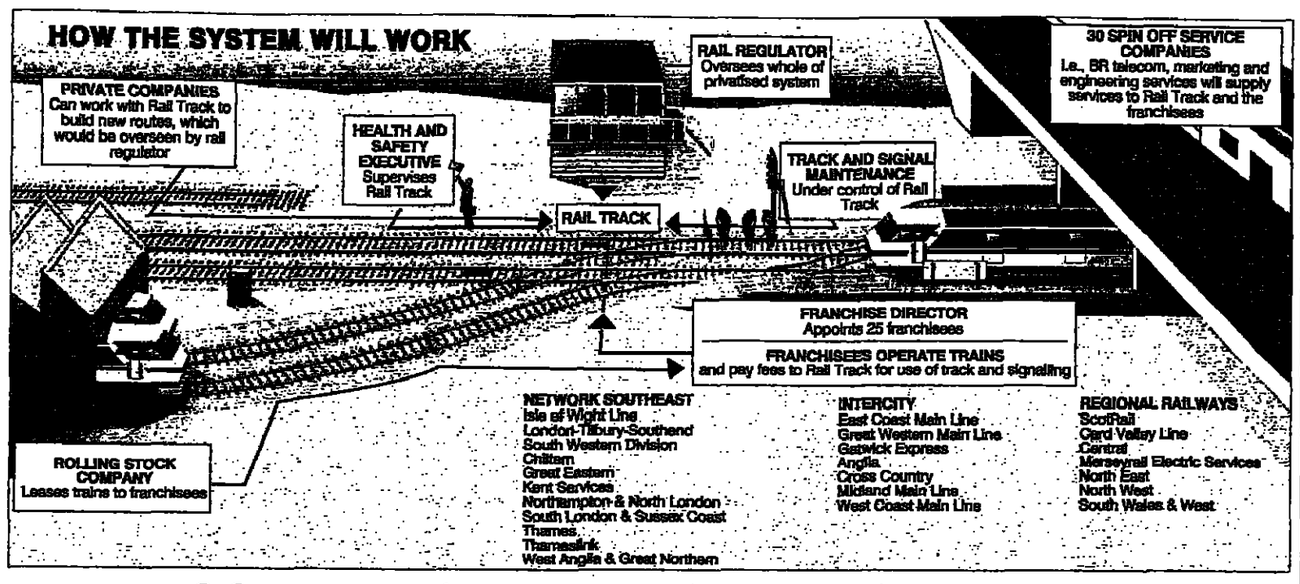
ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 28, 1994 Agreed rates Mar 26, 1994 to Apr 25, 1994 Schemes III: 6.50%. Reference rate Feb 1, 1994 to Feb 28, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.265%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅝-3⅝	4⅛-4⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅞-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅛
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (London)

Bullion: Open $386.10-386.60 Close: $385.60-386.10 High: $387.20-387.70 Low: $384.75-385.25 Krugerrand: $386.00-388.00 (£260.00-262.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-94.00 (£61.00-63.00) New $91.00-94.00 (£61.00-63.00)
Platinum: $399.5 (£269.40) Silver: $5.41 (£3.645) Palladium: $133.25 (£89.85)



Railtrack's arrival signals bidding race for services

After Good Friday, Britain's railways will never be the same again. Ross Tieman outlines the biggest shakeup in the system since nationalisation in 1948

All Fools Day, 1994, will be a key date in the history of Britain's railways. In a unique experiment, the Government will separate ownership of the track, signals and stations from ownership of the trains. Both will then be available, under contract, to those who bid to provide services. The framework for competitive privatisation will be in place.

Initially, the passenger on the 8:10 to Euston will not notice any change. Not, at least, unless it all goes horribly wrong. The vesting of the new track and rolling-stock companies on Good Friday is an enabling move, a mere change in the structure of ownership. But the managers of those businesses will have a new set of goals. The railway will never be the same again.

Decisions taken in the next two weeks will have a critical impact on the attractiveness — or otherwise — of opportunities opened up by railway privatisation for private investors. The wrangling behind the scenes is becoming intense. Many critical issues, including contracts for more than £750 million a year of track maintenance, have still to be resolved before Good Friday. Employees are also increasingly alarmed about job and career-development prospects.

The RMT rail union is calling a strike ballot of its 55,000 British Rail members in an effort to ensure the retention of agreements that protect members from redundancy. They are right to be concerned. Think what privatisation has done to the electricity industry. The separation of generating companies from the transmission grid and the supply companies unleashed a revolution. For three years, power company bosses have been cutting costs, hanging telephone wires between their pylons, and generally using their heads to make the best use of available resources. The manpower shakeout has been extraordinary, with one generator, National Power, shedding nearly two-thirds of its staff. Only now are the benefits starting to feed through to consumers in lower prices.

On the railways, the same process will begin while the industry is still in public ownership, although it will probably gather pace more gently. A transformation of its infrastructure and economics is being unleashed that may take a decade to mature. The scale and complexity of the change guarantees it will be dogged by difficulties.

The core of the new regime to be established on Good Friday is Railtrack, which will be the monopolistic owner of the network over which others will offer competing services.

Chaired full-time by Bob Horton, the former BP boss renowned for his cost-cutting, Railtrack will become responsible for the ownership and modernisation of £6.5 billion of railway track, signals, stations and related properties. Railtrack will oversee 10,000 miles of track, 1,200 signal boxes, almost 4,000 stations, 9,000 railway arches and 1,000 listed buildings. To maintain the railway operations, Mr Horton will employ nearly 12,000 staff, including 7,500 signalmen. And he will receive £2.2 billion a year in track fees, as well as about £100 million a year in rents from commercial and industrial tenants in stations and elsewhere. A franchise director will progressively invite bids to supply train services within 25 franchises. Bidders, which are expected to include many management buyouts, will sometimes compete with each other as well as with road and air, and will gradually take over operations from British Rail subsidiaries.

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They will indicate the premium they are prepared to pay — or the subsidy they will require — to provide a specified level of service. The franchise director will have to ensure service standards are met, while the Health and Safety Executive will see that safety standards are not compromised. Franchise holders will lease rolling stock from three new leasing companies which are also being vested on April 1, although they will also be free to buy or rent trains from elsewhere. The three BR leasing companies, with combined assets of perhaps £2 billion, will be early candidates for sale to the private sector.

A further cluster of companies, formed out of BR, will contract to supply services such as track and rolling-stock maintenance. Mr Horton appears confident the changes will not only work, but will improve the availability and quality of rail services in Britain. In a recent speech to the industry, he said: "On April 1, we have the chance to write into history the new renaissance. It will be a difficult, stony path. Nothing that is worthwhile is easy. But you know, it is going to succeed this time."

Since Railtrack will be responsible for perhaps half the costs of providing rail services, its charges and management are critical to the success of the entire privatisation. For the first time, users of the track are going to bear the cost of providing it. They are going to push hard for lower charges.

But set against his £6.5 billion of assets, current-cost accounted, Mr Horton will have £2 billion of high-interest debt inherited from British Rail. He will also have orders to generate a 5.6 per cent real rate of return, rising to 8 per cent by 1997-98. To satisfy both the Treasury and their customers, Bob Horton and his managers will have to cut costs, increase revenues and make the assets sweat. They will have to make Railtrack behave like a modern, private-sector business.

British Rail's track-maintenance operations have already become the first target of Mr Horton's pressure. To achieve the savings Railtrack seeks, these services, currently costing more than £750 million a year, will be obliged to trim their costs by £150 million. Initial contracts must be in place by April 1.

Next, Railtrack is likely to look in-house for cost-savings. Given the age and condition of much of BR's signalling, initial scope may be limited. But modernisation will inevitably lead to falling staff numbers: old-fashioned signal boxes require four times as many staff as the latest signal centres in Slough. Re-signalling will be Railtrack's top priority. Some cash is available. The Government has agreed to a rising programme of investment by Railtrack: £500 million in 1994-95, £600 million the year after, and more than £750 million in the third year.

Some of that cash will be generated by a more active management of the property assets. The achievements of British Rail's property team during the 1980s were imaginative by any standard. Many big stations were redeveloped, releasing space for offices that helped finance improved facilities for travellers. Finding such opportunities in the 1990s will be harder, and the projects are likely to be smaller. But with a £2 billion portfolio, and 22,000 commercial tenants, Railtrack Property should be able to provide a useful income stream to support modernisation of the network.

The private sector, meanwhile, is being softened up to bankroll and ultimately buy 60 new companies, now gradually being given private-sector freedoms. Samuel Montagu, the Government's merchant banking adviser, is hosting a series of presentations to attract cash to back a new generation of rail companies, set up by BR or by private contenders, that will share the profit opportunities offered by rail's £4 billion plus of revenues.

The focus, to date, has been upon the risks of privatisation. As in every state sale, managers within the businesses are tempted to exaggerate the financial hazards so as to deter rivals and achieve a financial regime that offers easy profits. The squealing will not stop on April 1. But as the months go by, we shall start to see whether Britain's railway *can* offer a new road to riches for private-sector operators.

TEMPUS

Go West (again)

ONCE again, National Westminster stands accused of mistiming its acquisition drive into America. In 1979, it paid an eye-watering premium for the National Bank of North America and spent the best part of a decade regretting it, which did not prevent it buying the First Jersey National Bank in 1988 so it could make even larger losses.

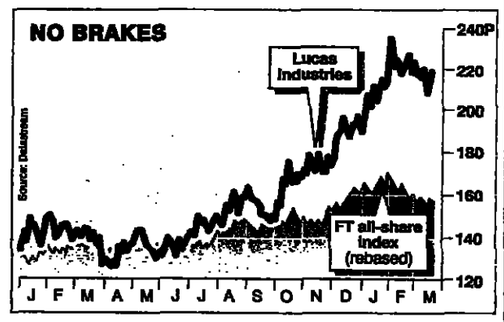
More recently, when the savings and loans crash and the US recession had destabilised the country's entire banking system, and insolvent banks were being sold dirt cheap with federal guarantees backing all their bad debts, NatWest suddenly became restrained in its American ambitions. It was clear more than two years ago that NatWest Bancorp was being successfully turned around by its new management team. It was also clear that the bank either needed to expand by acquisition to achieve any critical mass or should be sold as part of the rapid consolidation of the American banking industry. But NatWest sat on its hands, and it is only now, when prices for American banks are again verging on the painful, that it moves.

The price for Citizens First of 2.5 times assets may not be cheap, but its rapid integration with NatWest Bancorp's existing network and back office should cut costs by a third in two years and prevent any earnings dilution. At this stage in the economic cycle, Citizens First's asset quality should also be solid. Price apart, this is a well thought out buy. It will be handled by an indigenous management within known parameters and could not be less like the NatWest broad brush manoeuvres of the 1980s. This time, the move west need not end in disaster.

Lucas

WHEN George Simpson settles into the driving seat at Lucas next month he has a lot to do and a great deal to live up to. For all its attempts at reorganisation, the group is still earning barely 2 per cent on capital, and it is weighed down by a seemingly insupportable dividend. Despite this, the stock market seems to expect a miracle, with the shares trading on more than 100 times earnings forecasts for both this year and 1995.

Lucas's interim figures showed a modest recovery, and the way the group has increased sales and underlying operating profits from its automotive business in the face of the sudden downturn in the European motor industry should not be dismissed. But the underlying financial position looks as weak as ever. Lucas has trumpeted about its new-found cash control but still suffered a half-year operating outflow of more than £20 million. Profits were helped by one-off disposals that paid for the reorganisation costs and the dividend is still uncovered under any normal assessment of earnings per share. This last point may exercise Mr Simpson more than most. Unless he can radically improve the 3.5 per cent operating margins Lucas is making in its aerospace division, the 7p annual payout will be as ruinous as ever. He may well feel obliged to cut, and if he does the stock market may finally take a less euphoric view of prospects.



Argos

ARGOS is an undeniable winner in today's high street, where customers are being drawn to low price tags rather than fancy labels. The combination of no frills shopping and an expanding range produced 7.3 per cent like-for-like sales growth last year and a rise in its gross margins.

The group believes there is plenty of scope to expand its number of stores to almost double the current level. Whether that is the case, it can easily fund such expansion from internal resources. Last year, it spent £30 million on store openings and still increased its year-end cash balance by £46 million.

That leaves Argos with the vexed question of what to do with its £171 million cash. There is always the opportunity for an acquisition, particularly when so many other retailers are finding the high street a bleak environment. But the fiasco at Chesterman should have made the management wary of applying their retailing skills to other areas. The suggestion that Argos could hand the cash to shareholders looks more appealing, although it could raise ugly tax liabilities for any investors who have basked in the company's good fortunes since it left the arms of BAT.

HK Land

FEARS over rising interest rates in the US have spoilt the party for Hongkong Land, which has reaped handsome rewards from the Colony's booming commercial real estate market. Rental values in the best of the portfolio are double average current monthly rents and capitalisation rates have been in decline. A pullout by nervous American investors might be seen as a buying opportunity for Hongkong Land shares. That pre-supposes a bullish scenario for the Colony's real estate market, on whose fortunes the Jardine Matheson vehicle is still firmly founded. Attempt to diversify have so far involved repeated cash injections into Trafalgar House and a small Vietnamese joint venture. An interest rate hike in Hong Kong, led from America, cannot be ruled out and could hit investor confidence. And then there is 1997 at the end of the tunnel.

St James Beach Hotels

THE late bull market has thrown many strange animals onto the new issues list, but none as esoteric as St James Beach Hotels, which is planning a simultaneous London and Barbados listing. Potential investors may take heart that St James is a British registered company and that Price Waterhouse is auditor. But they may question the effectiveness of the insider dealing deterrents on the Barbados stock exchange. On a capitalisation of £25 million, St James is valued at £67,000 per bedroom. Forte is valued at £28,000 a room. Investors should stick to what they know.

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Plucinsky rides in

FIDELITY Brokerage, the UK arm of the Boston fund manager, has snatched Hoare Govett's chief executive officer to run operations at its new headquarters at Kingswood Fields in Surrey. David Plucinsky, 45, a New Yorker, came across to London in 1988 as second in command to Peter Voss, chairman and chief executive of Security Pacific Hoare Govett. As such, he held the reins during the sticky period when the firm struggled to buy itself out, an ultimately fruitless endeavour that saw staff leave in droves and culminated in the sale of Hoare Govett to ABN Amro in May 1992. Traditional rivalry between New York and Boston aside, Plucinsky promises to add a touch of spark to Fidelity's state-of-the-art offices when he starts in mid-April. A baseball coach, he owns a racehorse, New York Boy, which, I hear, has pulled a tendon in its rear leg and is out for the season. Fidelity recently hired Stuart Rutherford from Smith New Court as head of retail dealing.

Cosmo girls

THE exotic lifestyles of some of the UK's top women earners takes some beating. Lynda Martin Alegi, a partner in Baker & McKenzie, the law firm, is a long-distance weekly commuter, flying home to her country house near Rome at the weekends. Carol Reay, joint chief executive of Reay Keating Hamer, an advertising agency, tells the new edition of *Cosmopolitan* that she can still remember buying six eggs to last a week as a student — her current weekly food and entertainment bill is now £250. Pat Grant, co-owner of Norfrost freezer makers, has a six-acre spread near Caithness and claims to have taken only two holidays in 22 years. And Pamela Dodds, who generated nearly £5 million in premium income for Allied Dunbar last year, holidays in Barbados and admits to a personal masseuse. Well wouldn't you?

Radical shift

TOP brass from Iscor, the South African Iron and Steel Corporation, have just swept through town as part of an international roadshow to woo foreign investors. This, to anyone who knows Iscor, is radical stuff — a sort of Eugene Terre Blanche meets Sir Andrew Hugh Smith. For decades, Afrikaners who failed to make it down the mines or into the railway yards signed up with Iscor, but I gather this is all changing. Hans Smith, who came in as managing director last September, says: "The first thing I told them is that this place is no longer a safe haven for under-privileged Afrikaners. You should have seen their faces. They all knew it, but no-one had ever dared say it." The result is that thousands of die-hards are returning to the veld with generous early retirement packages, leaving Iscor with a free hand to improve efficiency. Afrikaans or not, the company is going places. The Chinese government has just dedicated a deep-water port at Qundao, south of Shanghai, for iron ore from Iscor's mines.


Kiss me Hardy: Yeoman Warder Cope with Hardy the raven

Duty calls

HARDY Oil & Gas, the West London exploration company, has a new staff member — a raven from the Tower of London called ... Hardy. Rosalie Elwes, whose husband, Peter, is the company's chief executive, spotted the bird in a TV programme about the Tower that featured the Raven Master, Yeoman Warder Cope. As a Royal bird, Hardy cannot be sponsored, but may be adopted, and this proposal duly met with the approval of Major General Christopher Tyler, the resident Governor of the Tower. While the adoption talks were going on, Yeoman Warder Cope sent an urgent message, suggesting that if the company wanted a photograph of Hardy for its annual report, it should be taken pronto. Apparently he was due shortly to enter the mating house, a sojourn likely to last a month, and prompt action was needed if he was to be seen in his pre-matrimonial plumage. A photocall was duly arranged but, as our picture suggests, Hardy was anxious to be off to do his duty ....

Short memory

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has stumped up $4.1 million to help refurbish an 18th century building in St Petersburg. The EBRD has taken a stake in the $20 million dollar venture, its "first investment in the property sector" says the press release. That is, if you ignore the £66 million for refurbishment at One Exchange Square in the City.

PATRICK Gillam, chairman of Standard Chartered, narrowly avoided a diplomatic incident yesterday at the celebration of the bank's centennial in Thailand. The invitation from the King of Thailand said dress for the party was "formal". He assumed this meant a business suit, not a ceremonial sarong. Luckily he checked. Gillam attended in full morning dress — despite the sweltering heat.

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Car boot sales can escape tax if the profits go to charity

How to keep the taxman out of your car boot

A top rank royal attends a charity film premiere; a school holds a car boot sale to raise funds for new sports equipment; a ballet school donates the proceeds of its monthly show to a charity for disabled children. Who pays tax on their profits? (See answers at end of story).

Under the Taxes Act, anybody who makes a profit from an event is carrying on a trade and *should by rights* pay corporation tax, however worthy the cause that receives the money. But soft-hearted Inland Revenue inspectors turn a blind eye to small-scale events that are held to raise money for charity. An official concession allows events *arranged for* charity to avoid paying tax if they meet all of four conditions:

☐ The organisation does not regularly carry on the activity.
☐ The trading is not in competition with other traders.
☐ The profits are used for charitable purposes.
☐ The activity is supported mainly because the public knows that it is for charity.

Any popular fund-raising event can avoid tax: bazaars, gymkhanas, carnivals, firework displays, fetes, concerts, dinner-dances and sports matches. Auctions and jumble sales which sell goods that have been donated free are not normally treated as trading activities so even without the concession have no tax to pay. Similarly, sponsored walks are not trading activities.

At car boot sales, the organisers usually charge a pitch fee to stallholders who want to sell their own goods. These too can avoid tax, as long as the four conditions are met. Boot sales purely for profit must pay tax although they can deduct expenses such as advertising.

All the money made during charity events is tax-free including profits from selling refreshments, programmes and advertising space as long as these are not separate profit-making activities. The key to ensuring that your effort stays tax-free *is: keep it* small. You can pay a commercial organiser and book a celebrity to cut the tape and, provided it is done on a modest scale, you should be safe.

> "The key to ensuring your fundraising effort stays tax-free is: *keep it small*"

It must not be a regular event. A gymkhana held four times a year could run into trouble but the pony club could hold three gymkhanas and three dinner-dances for charity and avoid tax.

☐ *The three examples above will probably all pay tax. The royal premiere is a commercial event; the car boot sale was not for charitable purposes; the ballet show is a regular occasion.*

MARGARET DIBBEN

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The Inland Revenue has just re-issued its guidance on fund-raising for charity and the new version supersedes any advice given previously. Copies of the leaflet and information are available from: Inland Revenue, Claims (Trusts and Charities), St John's House, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside L69 9BB. Charities in Scotland should contact: Inland Revenue, Claims (Scotland), Trinity Park House, South Trinity Road, Edinburgh EH5 3SD.

You can phone for copies of the booklet on 051-472 6000 extension 7016 or in Scotland 031-551 8127. Charities can also phone a dedicated help-line for advice: 051-472 6044 or in Scotland 031-551 8294.

If you fail to win the concession for your event, you have to pay tax on the profits. But the donation to charity can remain free of tax by using a deed of covenant or Gift Aid.

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Aust Inc	168.00	178.70	+0.20	1.34
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Japan Spec Sits	86.59	91.73	+0.43	...
Univ Tech Inc	79.36	84.34	-0.29	0.32
Worldwide	179.70	190.70	-0.90	0.25
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	105.40	111.60	-0.20	...
Amer Smllr Cos	143.10	153.00	-0.20	...
Cash Trust	50.71	50.71	+0.02	4.90
Convertibles	62.62	66.97†	-0.26	5.60
Eastern	257.20	279.80	-10.90	1.70
Equity Income	92.29	98.18	+0.04	4.90
European Growth	296.10	314.90	-1.40	1.50
Europe	217.40	232.20	...	1.50
German Growth	70.67	75.23	-0.47	0.70
Global Bond	67.05	70.79	-0.15	5.30
Global Growth	131.50	140.10	-1.00	...
Japan Growth	225.80	242.30	...	...
Japan Sunrise	191.90	205.30	+0.10	...
Korea Trust	77.71	87.01	-0.62	...
Portfolio	136.50	145.80†	-0.20	3.00
UK Growth	95.88	102.00	-0.40	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	101.30	108.30	-0.20	1.80
Select Managers	76.34	81.98	-0.28	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	82.56	87.83	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.70	59.26†	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	185.60	198.50	-1.00	0.62
Dividend	85.33	89.12	-0.22	3.71
Int Gth & Inc	224.10	239.70	-2.60	2.22
UK & Gen	45.69	48.87†	-0.60	0.91
Fund of Funds	68.04	72.77†	-0.36	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	110.64	117.07	-0.10	1.27
Smaller Cos	109.17	115.52	-0.35	0.97
Higher Yield	46.48	49.19	-0.06	2.42
American Gth Inc	80.36	85.24†	...	...
European Growth	137.98	146.01†	...	...
Global Bond Inc	29.92	31.66	...	5.90
Mngd Pfolio Inc	45.41	48.05†	...	0.94
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7236				
Short Dated Gilt	65.48	66.32†	-0.28	5.59
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	157.60	167.70	-0.90	1.37
UK Growth	168.30	179.10†	-1.10	1.85
UK Income	138.90	147.80	-0.60	3.86
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	189.40	200.80	-0.10	1.80
-do- Income Dist	113.30	120.10	-0.10	4.45
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.69	44.19†	-0.07	6.16

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	153.90	163.80	-1.20	...
European Inc	80.01	84.84	-0.65	0.35
Smaller Cos (4-1)	85.92	91.41†	-0.16	1.14
Growth	436.90	467.30†	+0.70	1.97
Income & Growth	416.50	443.10†	-2.60	3.49
Japan & Gen	78.42	83.43†	+0.12	...
Master Portfolio	10852	11102	-20.0	1.34
Special Sits	100.70	107.20	-0.10	1.91
High Yield	1360.0	1403.0	-1.00	3.94
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	38.10	40.74	-0.23	0.21
Cash Income	50.64	50.64	+0.02	4.96
European Gwth	39.74	42.37	-0.31	0.36
Income & Gwth Inc	28.46	30.45†	-0.10	4.06
Intnl Gwth	32.08	34.31	-0.12	0.53
Japan Gwth	28.96	30.97	+0.01	...
Managed Tst Inc	49.61	53.05	-0.22	1.51
Oriental Opps Inc	132.80	142.00	-4.70	...
Property Shares	46.29	49.50	-0.11	0.55
Smaller Cos	33.78	36.12	-0.10	1.47
UK Growth Tst	26.41	28.24	-0.07	2.13
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.76	77.81†	-0.14	1.66
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.70	72.40	-0.07	2.36
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.24	28.06	-0.19	0.38
European Acc	27.21	29.10	-0.20	0.38
Financial	151.40	161.90†	-0.20	1.73
Foundation	93.50	100.00†	-0.20	2.20
German	50.59	54.10	-0.23	...
High Income	78.07	83.49†	-0.21	5.30
Income	137.50	147.00	...	3.66
Intl Growth	39.09	41.80	-0.11	...
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	106.10	113.40	-1.00	1.63
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	202.80	216.80	-1.90	1.63
Monthly Income	86.92	92.96†	-0.02	3.71
North American	108.80	116.30	+0.20	...
Orient	147.00	157.20	-1.60	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	82.57	87.97	-0.22	2.18
American Portfolio	91.07	97.06	-0.03	1.01
European Portfolio	96.61	103.10	-0.89	0.93
Japanese Portfolio	73.89	78.56	+0.28	...
Pacific Portfolio	139.12	149.60	-1.80	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	75.44	80.81	-0.12	3.65
Utility & Bond	55.63	56.35	-0.09	6.31
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	65.10	69.25	-0.18	2.89
Global Tst	...	...	...	...
Recovery Tst	...	...	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	147.01	159.32	...	...
UK Growth	113.04	122.04	...	...
UK Income	117.45	127.28	...	3.69
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.26	92.40	...	1.81
Beck Bio-Tech	36.85	39.20	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	160.69	169.15	...	1.20
City Fin Assets	74.96	78.91	-0.93	1.60
City Fin America	83.83	89.67	...	...
City Fin Intl	79.24	83.41	...	0.47
City Fin Japan	178.11	189.18	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	283.36	299.85	-1.04	2.22
Friars Hse Inc	207.08	224.06	+0.10	4.77
Buckley Wrld Grth	140.63	149.61†	...	0.67
Fairmnt Cap Gth	147.40	155.16	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	119.13	125.40	...	1.58
Fairmount Intl	163.33	171.93	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	59.81	63.63	...	2.61
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	55.21	58.58	-0.84	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	61.75	66.04	+0.32	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.25	41.13	-0.27	0.09
Dragon Growth	66.12	70.72	-2.31	0.61
Equity High Inc	84.35	89.73†	...	3.46
European Gwth	50.26	53.47	-0.42	0.76
Evergreen	31.83	34.04	-0.21	...
General Equity	86.21	91.47	-0.08	2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.86	27.18	+0.02	7.70
Japan Growth	54.29	58.63	+0.09	...
Pedigree Gwth	51.78	55.09	-0.13	2.12
Ped Sm Cos Inc	33.86	36.02	-0.16	0.62
Retirement Inc	26.65	28.66	+0.04	5.11
Special Sits	39.89	42.66	-0.15	1.50
UK & Overseas	49.12	52.25	-0.42	0.98
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	65.53	70.09†	+0.03	2.74
Income	60.99	65.23†	+0.07	3.82
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9888				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	170.88	181.79	+0.12	4.86
Fixed & Convertible	44.59	47.44	-0.26	5.38
Monthly Inc Plus	52.51	55.86	-0.13	8.02
Preference Share	31.37	34.65	-0.08	6.76
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.36	146.13	+0.15	6.52
Managed Fund	69.22	73.64	-0.22	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	44.53	47.37	-0.19	1.79
UK & General	79.06	84.11	-0.70	2.57
UK Growth	140.21	149.16	-0.25	1.60
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.93	205.24	-0.45	...
Far Eastern Gth	131.80	140.21	-2.70	0.30
Global Bond	84.84	90.15	-0.23	5.90
Japan Growth	132.77	141.25	+0.42	...
North Amer Gth	165.67	176.24	+1.56	...
Oriental Growth	74.76	79.53	-2.85	...
Worldwide Growth	67.56	71.87	+0.14	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.09	93.09	+0.03	4.49
Homemaker Fund	77.28	82.21†	-0.53	1.86
Quilter Fund	136.36	145.06†	-0.28	2.05
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	59.23	63.01	-0.02	2.60
High Income	34.78	36.99	-0.03	4.50
Japan	38.81	41.28	+0.09	...
Smaller Cos Inc	33.69	35.84	-0.13	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.07	37.30	-0.13	2.20
North American	33.61	35.75	+0.29	0.60
European	37.68	40.08	-0.28	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.14	34.49†	...	4.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	150.50	160.20	-0.20	1.59
Income	74.81	79.59	-0.73	4.30
European	61.66	65.60	-0.72	0.69
Recovery	143.80	153.00†	-0.70	1.24
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	837.40	851.50	...	3.63
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	73.50	78.20†	-0.15	1.31
Income	243.80	259.30	-0.10	4.34
Smaller Cos	157.40	167.50	-0.70	1.21
Inv Portfolio	78.87	83.91†	-0.78	1.42
High Income Port	68.85	73.24	+0.04	4.60
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 418 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1590.3	1593.8	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1339.1	1365.3	...	...
UK Small Cos	1894.6	1973.2	...	...
US Small Cos	1705.0	1751.9	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	202.20	212.80	...	2.58
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	262.80	277.90	-2.00	1.08
New Asia	204.60	221.20	-6.40	0.36
Japan Growth	134.90	143.50	...	...
Jap Smllr Co	560.70	595.40	-0.10	...
Nth Amer	257.30	272.70	+1.50	0.89
Shtrd Asia Pac Mt	115.00	122.30	-3.40	0.51
UK Inc & Grth	222.50	237.40	-0.70	3.41
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	143.40	152.50	-0.70	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	158.80	168.90	-0.60	4.72
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.24	63.87	-0.15	4.91
Environmntl Opps	84.92	90.34	-0.28	1.36
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	126.30	134.20	+0.70	0.15
Convertibles	24.28	25.80†	-0.02	6.40
Equity Income	133.90	142.30	-0.10	3.51
EuroFund	45.69	48.33	-0.24	0.83
Financial	49.80	52.91	-0.22	1.51
Growth & Inc	239.20	254.20†	+0.60	2.95
High Dist	165.20	175.50	-0.10	4.27
International	390.00	414.40	-3.10	0.24
Int Cap Inc	96.95	103.50	-0.30	2.51
Latin American	48.15	51.16	-1.05	0.24
Pacific	80.81	85.86	-2.21	...
Preference Share	24.77	26.32†	-0.03	5.89
Tokyo	244.00	258.90	...	...
UK Smaller Cos	246.30	261.70	-0.30	0.90
ELCON LTD				
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 78538				
Elcon Trust	223.60	238.70	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	209.00	222.30	..	0.31
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	80.16	84.38	-0.32	1.56
Far Eastern	308.06	324.27	-5.45	1.43
High Income	137.25	144.47	-0.22	4.18
Intl Growth	123.41	129.91†	-0.41	1.12
North American	122.81	129.27	+0.73	0.93
Pelican	119.50	125.88	-0.47	2.62
Smaller Cos	78.36	82.48	-0.19	1.75
Special Sits	95.04	100.04	-0.13	2.27
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.52	200.55†	-0.39	1.73
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	223.83	233.16	-0.52	1.54
Smaller Cos Acc	387.30	400.45	-0.89	1.54
Recovery	59.34	61.81	+0.02	1.84
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	110.60	117.67	-0.59	4.88
Capital Growth	83.16	89.18	+0.24	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.70	48.85	-0.18	0.23
High Income	48.74	51.99	+0.09	8.52
Warrant	63.02	67.42†	-0.64	...
Zero Preference	36.96	39.22	-0.13	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	77.89	82.85	-0.46	2.17
Family Income Tst	50.92	54.16	-0.14	5.66
Family Trust	93.79	99.77	...	1.03
United Charities	259.40	275.90	...	3.02

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FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.50	25.91	-0.04	3.18
-do- Europe	23.90	25.18	-0.15	4.83
-do- America	23.37	24.60	+0.11	0.29
-do- Acc Japan	26.83	28.47	...	0.46
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	29.72	30.10†	-0.28	7.37
Intl Bond	30.57	31.87	-0.30	5.23
Income Funds				
High Income	28.09	29.56†	-0.13	4.93
Income Plus	121.30	129.00†	-0.20	3.85
Amer Eq Inc	49.61	52.64	+0.16	1.54
European Income	45.18	48.04†	-0.42	1.95
Far East Inc	64.26	68.79	-0.20	2.20
Global Convertible	24.85	26.31†	-0.09	2.88
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	55.20	58.89	-2.36	...
American	249.60	264.70	+0.80	...
Amer Spec Sits	118.20	126.10	-0.80	...
Japan Smaller Cos	45.47	48.51†	-0.08	...
European	168.10	178.80	-2.20	...
European Opps	60.01	67.00	-0.31	...
UK Growth	90.31	96.03	-0.20	...
Growth & Inc	155.80	165.70	-0.40	2.34
Intl PEP	36.31	38.61	-0.12	...
Japan Spec Sits	100.80	107.60	+0.20	...
Japan	212.60	226.90	+0.50	...
Managed Intl	279.00	296.60†	-0.80	...
Moneybuilder	54.21	57.65	-0.26	...
Recovery	47.71	50.73†	-0.01	...
South E Asia	142.40	151.90	-6.10	...
Special Sits	553.70	588.80	-1.30	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	109.40	115.20	+0.10	2.90
UK Reverse Index	75.99	80.11	-0.08	4.40
Europe Index	108.00	113.80	+1.80	4.54
-do- Reverse Index	66.99	70.56	+0.90	7.03
America Index	101.70	107.30	+0.20	0.59
-do- Reverse Index	93.22	98.16	+0.61	0.71
Japan Index	140.80	148.50	+0.40	0.60
-do- Reverse Index	90.59	96.62	+0.93	1.30
Cash Accum Units	104.75	104.75	+0.05	4.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	144.20	147.60†	...	1.56
Inc Pfolio	91.65	93.38†	-0.21	3.54
Cap Pfolio	148.80	151.50	-0.50	0.62
General Opps	133.10	135.20	...	3.20
Growth Inc	31.07	31.69	-0.07	1.19
Private Portfolio	421.00	429.90†	...	1.42
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2081, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 089				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	114.30	120.90	-0.60	0.32
Far Eastern	186.10	200.60	-0.90	...
High Income	22.60	24.07†	+0.01	10.39
Oseas Income	100.60	107.60	-0.30	2.62
UK Growth	117.10	125.20	-0.40	0.88
UK Income	111.00	118.90	-0.30	4.46
US Smaller Cos	307.40	328.80	+1.30	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	49.89	53.07	-0.19	3.87
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.77	82.73†	-0.31	3.75
Intl Growth	74.40	79.15	...	1.14
Investment Trust	92.29	98.18†	-0.51	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	87.44	93.02	-0.36	1.18
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	57.95	61.84†	+0.07	...
(Accum Units)	57.95	61.84†	+0.07	...
Amer Smllr Cos	522.40	558.60	+2.00	...
(Accum Units)	533.70	570.70	+2.10	...
Capital Tst	333.40	354.60†	-0.80	1.32
(Accum Units)	471.70	501.70†	-1.20	1.32
Conti Smllr Cos	61.80	66.53	+0.05	0.12
(Accum Units)	64.61	69.55	+0.05	0.12
Convertible	142.10	151.10	-0.20	4.51
(Accum Units)	275.20	292.70	-0.50	4.51
Emerging Markets	82.59	88.23	-2.43	...
(Accum Units)	82.66	88.31	-2.43	...
European	119.20	126.70	-0.70	0.02
(Accum Units)	124.30	132.00	-0.80	0.02
Extra Income	343.90	365.80	-0.60	3.28
(Accum Units)	498.60	530.30	-1.00	3.28
Financial	122.80	132.00	-0.60	0.40
(Accum Units)	128.50	138.20	-0.60	0.40
Gilt Trust	66.28	68.34	+0.14	5.62
(Accum Units)	87.75	90.48	+0.19	5.62
Health Fund Inc	146.20	156.10	...	...
(Accum Units)	146.20	156.10	...	...
Income & Growth	203.00	215.90	-0.30	3.25
(Accum Units)	294.10	312.80	-0.30	3.25
Intl Growth	389.00	417.60	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	432.00	463.80	-0.30	...
Japan & Gen	203.20	217.60	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	205.30	219.70	-0.40	...
Managed Port Inc	109.60	115.30	-0.20	0.54
(Accum Units)	115.20	121.20	-0.20	0.54
Monthly Income	175.60	186.70	-0.40	3.33
Quarterly Income	56.32	59.90	-0.04	4.23
(Accum Units)	58.08	61.78	-0.03	4.23
Recovery	373.30	399.20	+0.50	0.08
(Accum Units)	439.10	469.50	+0.40	0.08
UK Growth	53.44	57.04	+0.01	2.37
(Accum Units)	53.44	57.04	+0.01	2.37
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	388.77	413.59	-2.46	2.38
-do- Accum	802.00	853.19	-5.08	2.38
FP Euro Gth Dist	132.19	140.63†	-1.39	0.32
-do- Accum	137.30	146.06†	-1.44	0.32
FP Fixed Int Dist	135.84	143.69†	-1.78	6.04
-do- Accum	238.16	251.91†	-3.13	6.04
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.92	99.92	-0.59	0.37
-do- Accum	97.78	104.02	-0.61	0.37
FP Nth Amer Dist	195.79	207.40	+0.79	0.53
-do- Accum	213.04	226.63	+0.86	0.53
FP Pac Basin Dist	315.15	335.27	-4.36	0.01
-do- Accum	320.17	341.87	-4.44	0.01
Stewardship Dist	351.20	373.62	-0.29	1.69
-do- Accum	421.54	448.45	-0.35	1.69
Stwdshp Inc Dist	76.69	81.58†	-0.11	3.03
-do- Accum	96.62	102.79†	-0.13	3.03
N Am Stshp Dist	109.37	116.35	+0.58	0.37
-do- Accum	115.78	123.17	+0.61	0.37
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	240.80	254.60	-1.50	1.93
Cash	49.48	50.22†	+0.01	4.35
Growth Portfolio	83.71	88.74	-0.91	0.34
Income Portfolio	68.85	72.81†	-0.72	3.42
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	174.50	186.70	+1.70	...
European	539.50	577.10†	-5.40	1.25
Far East & Gen	272.70	291.70	-4.90	...
Germany	123.70	131.40	-0.50	...
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	159.00	170.10†	-0.60	4.15
International	343.40	367.30†	-2.10	...
Intl Income	84.24	89.52	-0.21	3.94
Japan & General	436.20	464.30	+0.10	...
Korean Securities	70.19	75.07	-1.99	0.17
Smllr Cos Div Inc	55.05	58.88	-0.19	3.82
UK Capital (Inc)	194.30	207.80†	-0.10	1.69
UK Spec Sits	97.70	104.50	-0.30	0.32
US & General	141.70	150.80	+1.50	...
Wwide Spec Sits	163.90	175.30	-2.10	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	51.08	54.69†	-0.08	1.87
Cash Trust	132.51	132.51†	-0.04	4.31
Practical Inv Inc	115.80	123.85†	-0.57	3.55
UK Index	147.97	150.57†	-0.18	2.88
UK Smaller Cos	124.85	133.53	-0.38	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.19	29.08	+0.04	8.43
High Income	34.88	37.30†	-0.17	4.61
UK Equity Income	140.02	149.75†	-0.12	3.57
Global Bond	29.65	30.81†	-0.01	4.61
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	63.50	67.91	-0.89	...
Global Inc & Gth	138.79	147.96	-0.26	1.38
Gold & Intl Res	116.34	124.43	+1.15	0.81
Global Utilities	133.10	142.32	-0.57	0.77
Overseas Funds				
American	146.64	156.61	+0.45	0.83
European	96.88	102.54†	-0.75	0.74
Euro Sel Opps	131.83	139.89	-0.84	...
Amer Emerging	107.09	114.54	+2.08	...
Hong Kong	144.88	154.95†	-3.57	1.43
Japan	264.44	281.08	+0.87	..
Pacific Growth	206.11	220.44	-9.36	1.27
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	215.24	215.24	-0.48	1.73
Long Term Bal	233.80	233.80	-0.31	2.19
Med Term Bal	196.13	196.13	-0.35	2.77
UK Equity	236.34	236.34	-0.07	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	147.46	147.46	-0.48	1.70
American	234.40	234.40†	+0.87	1.24
Japan	147.96	147.96†	+0.58	...
European	250.22	250.22†	-1.71	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	166.61	166.61	-0.65	3.21
Fixed Interest	157.83	157.83	-0.26	6.22
Amer Emergos	276.69	276.69†	+0.68	...
Pacific	228.52	228.52	-6.71	0.73
Emerging Mkts	189.68	189.68†	-3.39	...
Index Strat Japan	161.62	161.62†	...	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	196.71	196.71†	...	0.98
-do- Cont Europe	149.61	149.61†	+3.19	1.54
Index Strat USA	131.60	131.60†	...	2.19
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	101.78	108.26	-0.24	...
Med Term Bal	93.29	99.24	-0.18	...
Long Term Bal	105.35	112.08	-0.15	...
UK Equity	109.27	116.24	+0.08	...
UK Emerging Cos	69.20	73.62	-0.24	...
American	109.04	116.00	+0.43	...
Japan	71.30	75.85	+0.29	...
European	104.50	111.17	-0.76	...
Fixed Interest	79.36	84.42	-0.14	...
Index Linked Gilt	73.88	78.59	-0.31	...
Deposit	76.99	81.91	+0.03	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	129.67	136.49†	-0.66	...
Berkeley Income	117.18	123.35†	-0.50	2.07
BWH Intl	142.02	149.50	-0.65	0.57
Brelff Gth Port Inc	63.01	66.50	-0.29	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.61	62.91†	-0.38	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	55.38	58.45	+0.05	0.50
Shaw Utilities	54.74	57.77	+0.36	3.69
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	149.70	158.60	...	...
Higher Income	140.10	147.00	...	1.51
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	594.73	632.69	...	0.09
European Inc	147.36	156.77	...	...
Amalgam Inc	150.59	159.43	...	...
N America Inc	348.25	370.48	...	...
Far East Inc	355.49	378.19	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	176.12	187.36	...	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	87.04	91.60†	...	3.91
UK Small Cos	53.16	56.86	-0.23	0.81
British Growth	57.08	60.19	+0.05	2.12
American Gwth	176.19	188.43	-0.75	...
Japan Gwth	89.15	95.34	+0.21	...
Greater China	185.20	198.08	-7.52	...
Pacific Strategy	163.65	175.03†	-6.09	...
European Gwth	85.31	91.20	-0.60	0.17
Intl Growth	155.10	165.88	-0.75	0.97
US Index (£)	13.841	14.584	+0.067	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	79.98	84.61	+0.05	1.89
Monthly Income	43.53	46.25†	-0.29	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 868 0033				
UK Index (£)	11.686	12.220	+0.052	3.60
Euro Index (£)	12.983	13.586	-0.045	4.50
Japan Index (£)	11.892	12.447	-0.032	1.85
US Index (£)	14.576	15.249	+0.069	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5433	9.5910†	-0.002	4.10
UK Bear (£)	7.5427	7.8872	-0.031	3.60
European Bear (£)	7.6536	8.0091	+0.045	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	11.912	12.049	-0.042	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.1543	9.5789	-0.070	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	15.881	16.621	-0.030	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.7987	7.1084	-0.012	3.60

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Gilt Bull (£)	11.230	11.748	+0.066	3.60
Gilt Bear (£)	7.3544	7.6874	-0.044	3.60
Dollar Cash (£)	10.600	10.653	+0.028	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	11.345	11.950	-0.247	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	99.874	106.24	...	1.11
Bridge Income	276.87	294.54	...	4.97
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 528 9668				
Cash	134.80	134.80	+0.10	4.14
European	476.10	508.60	-2.70	0.04
Gilt & Fixed	131.30	139.20†	-1.00	4.13
Growth Equity	341.20	364.50	-3.30	1.69
Income Trust	122.30	136.00	-0.70	2.87
International	190.40	203.40†	-0.60	...
Japan Trust	141.10	150.70	+0.60	...
Nth American	287.20	306.80	+1.90	...
Pacific	536.30	572.90	-18.40	...
Guardhill	495.80	529.60†	-4.30	1.74
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.87	115.08†	-1.08	8.09
Global High Inc	115.56	119.96	-0.25	8.62
Prem Fixed Int	110.66	114.89	-1.02	7.80
Eqty & Bond Inc	104.64	111.26†	-0.50	4.55
European Growth	96.12	102.20	-1.45	...
Intl PEP Trust	60.88	64.73	-0.53	...
High Income	122.02	129.74†	+0.64	3.17
Recovery	407.70	433.50	-1.40	1.41
St Vinc High Inc	132.65	134.63†	-0.67	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	256.70	272.90	...	1.08
Tmp Br Sm Co In	383.20	390.00	+0.10	1.51
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD				
PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	40.00	42.41†	-0.30	1.40
Income Advtg Inc	32.37	34.32†	-0.20	3.49
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	205.60	218.10†	-1.50	1.83
Smaller Cos	35.89	38.18†	-0.25	1.20
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ST Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	305.80	327.20†	-1.33	0.91
Best of British	64.32	68.79	-0.06	2.14
UK Smaller Cos	128.15	137.76†	+0.08	0.67
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	283.37	301.78	-0.52	2.70
High Income	336.94	360.18	-0.30	3.43
Extra Income	292.70	311.60†	-0.27	4.43
Pref & Gilt	49.40	53.10	-0.03	7.70
International				
International	276.67	294.70	-0.55	0.27
Global Bond	56.61	60.22†	-0.24	6.28
Family of Funds	83.86	89.40	-0.33	0.31
Global Tech	161.43	172.64	+0.05	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	174.80	186.93	-4.59	...
European	478.67	507.36	-3.45	0.42
European Income	84.92	89.86†	-0.66	2.33
Euro Smllr Cos	150.13	160.16	-0.63	0.36
Eur Sp Sits	68.18	72.66	-0.76	0.09
Japan Trust	231.93	246.90	+0.89	...
Japan Special Sits	265.70	282.83†	+0.05	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	247.13	262.92†	-5.88	...
North American	257.84	273.96	+1.32	...
American Smaller	112.96	120.75	-0.78	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	60.00	63.59	+0.41	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.51	62.02	-0.57	...
General Growth	42.78	45.34	-0.03	...
Global Tech	63.15	66.93	-0.02	...
Income Growth	42.56	45.11	-0.07	...
Japan Growth	28.36	30.06	+0.11	...
Overseas Growth	40.37	42.79	-0.05	...
Smaller Cos	22.67	24.03	-0.05	...
Special Opps	29.99	31.78	+0.02	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	50.42	53.44	-0.07	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	100.90	107.90	-0.10	1.74
Capital	177.40	189.70	-0.50	1.35
Dollar	364.40	389.70	+1.70	...
European	241.00	257.70	-1.10	0.21
Far East	324.60	347.10	-0.60	0.07
Financial	825.70	883.10†	-6.80	0.93
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.95	27.99	-0.06	7.32
High Yield	112.90	120.70	...	3.73
Income & Growth	151.20	161.70	...	2.85
International	258.90	276.80	-0.50	0.06
Japanese General	215.50	230.40	+0.50	...
Japan Tech	86.54	92.55	+0.27	...
Nat Resources	77.71	83.11	+0.57	...
Portfolio	77.05	82.40	-0.11	1.62
Security	339.10	362.60	+1.90	1.70
Smaller Cos	140.10	149.80	-0.40	0.86
Special Sits	157.90	168.80†	-0.50	1.08
UK Emerging Cos	96.03	102.70	-0.10	0.03
US Smaller Cos	82.01	87.71	+0.11	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	202.30	215.50†	+0.80	1.22
Eurotrack 100	155.20	165.00†	-1.30	0.97
Footsie Fund	52.91	56.01	-0.11	2.14
Japan Index	85.96	91.74†	+0.21	0.09
Tiger Index	187.00	199.60	-10.30	0.12
Trade Index	123.70	132.00†	-0.30	1.59
UK Index	140.60	150.00	-0.30	2.75
Active Funds				
American Growth	484.50	517.10	+3.50	0.37
Asian	53.88	57.50	-2.14	0.37
Capital	607.60	648.50	-4.00	1.56
European Growth	111.20	118.10	-0.80	...
Global Bond	23.53	24.61	-0.05	5.45
Hong Kong Gwth	105.60	112.10†	-5.20	0.36
Income	575.80	614.50	...	3.80
Intl Growth	80.34	85.67	-0.21	0.06
Japan Growth	316.70	338.00	+1.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.52	41.11†	+0.07	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	67.95	72.52	-3.44	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	61.46	65.73	-0.14	2.16
(Accum Units)	63.19	67.58	-0.14	2.16
British Tst	84.32	90.18†	-0.06	1.88
(Accum Units)	97.06	103.80†	-0.10	1.88
Extra High Inc	72.95	78.02	-0.15	5.67
(Accum Units)	133.70	142.90	-0.40	5.67
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.43	58.72†	-0.09	6.52
(Accum Units)	156.60	163.00†	-0.20	6.52
High Yield	238.30	254.90	-0.40	4.48
(Accum Units)	572.00	611.70	-1.00	4.48
Income	307.90	329.30	-0.10	2.64
(Accum Units)	658.30	704.00	-0.20	2.64
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	138.30	147.90	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.59
Money Market UT	49.38	49.38	+0.02	4.49
(Accum Units)	74.93	74.93	+0.03	4.49
Monthly Income	89.93	96.18†	-0.13	3.95
North American	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	100.30	106.70	-0.10	1.84
European Growth	107.20	114.00	-0.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	84.35	89.49	-0.12	6.20
Income	87.90	93.51	-0.01	2.82
Japan Growth	59.90	63.72	+0.08	...
Managed	68.14	72.49	-0.16	2.42
Money Market	83.29	88.29	+0.04	4.55
North American	89.06	94.74	+0.64	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	91.19	97.01	-0.06	1.82
European Growth	101.00	107.40	-0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	80.40	85.30	-0.12	6.16
Income	86.39	91.90	-0.01	2.79
Japan Growth	59.70	63.51	+0.08	...
Managed	65.19	69.35	-0.15	2.40
Money Market	76.97	81.59	+0.04	4.50
North American	81.13	86.31	+0.57	0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	91.45	97.29	-0.07	1.80
European Growth	98.51	104.80	-0.70	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.35	78.88	-0.12	6.26
Income	85.81	91.29	-0.01	2.80
Japan Growth	61.17	65.07	+0.09	...
Managed	68.45	72.82	-0.16	2.38
Money Market	72.27	76.61	+0.03	4.54
North American	89.93	95.67	+0.64	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.90	77.45	-0.61	0.12
Smaller Cos	33.59	35.67†	-0.02	0.97
Special Features	32.54	34.57†	-0.12	1.32
(Accum Units)	39.08	41.52†	-0.13	1.31
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	78.68	83.60	-0.12	1.62
Accum Units	94.61	100.50	-0.10	1.62
General Equities	75.10	79.79†	-0.11	2.63
Great British Cos	53.38	57.04	-0.13	1.75
Managed Invest	102.90	109.80†	-0.40	1.53
PEP Managed	73.56	78.47	-0.27	1.94
Super Child Tst	82.70	88.22	-0.12	1.80
UK Growth	60.63	64.82	-0.01	1.58
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.19	50.19†	+0.01	3.94
Cashbox (Acc)	57.51	57.51†	+0.02	3.94
Extra Income	87.57	93.67	-0.16	4.63
Gilt	28.41	29.92	-0.09	6.08
Income & Growth	43.62	46.52	-0.07	3.02
Minstar Gilt & FI	78.63	80.36	-0.28	7.37
Preference Shares	19.34	20.54†	-0.04	6.06
UK Income	341.60	364.60†	-0.50	3.09
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	68.54	72.82	-0.53	0.70
Property Shares	80.35	86.50†	-1.56	1.10
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	53.16	56.46†	+0.25	0.61
US Smaller Cos	124.40	131.60	...	...
(Accum Units)	125.70	133.00	...	...
Europe Perf	151.30	160.60	-0.90	...
(Accum Units)	156.40	166.00	-1.00	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.25	31.03	-0.07	...
French Growth	79.88	84.98†	-0.44	...
Accum Units	85.57	91.04†	-0.47	...
H Kong & China	84.83	91.61	-3.45	0.90
Intl Growth	59.33	63.02	-0.25	0.10
Accum Units	59.61	63.33	-0.26	0.10
Japan Perf	38.43	40.82	+0.08	...
Accum Units	38.43	40.82	+0.08	...
Japan Smaller Cos	45.74	48.59	+0.04	...
Singapore ASEAN	99.55	108.40	-5.40	...
Accum Units	100.30	109.20	-5.40	...
SE Asia	306.20	325.30†	-12.20	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	94.93	101.10	-0.40	1.48
Intl Bond	56.63	57.58†	-0.02	6.52
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	171.70	182.60	-0.90	...
Income	145.60	154.90	-0.34	3.87
Res & General	157.60	165.40	...	...
UK Growth	54.82	58.32	-0.02	0.92
International	88.68	94.34	-0.64	0.34
Ecology	85.71	91.18	-0.28	0.57
European	115.36	122.38	-0.31	...
Far Eastern	329.60	350.60	-8.60	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6680				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	56.55	60.16†	+0.12	6.50
(Accum Units)	79.78	84.87	+0.18	6.50
Gilt Yield	119.10	125.60†	+0.10	6.96
(Accum Units)	352.80	372.30	+0.60	6.96
Global Income	230.00	244.70†	-0.32	3.53
(Accum Units)	511.30	543.90	-0.63	3.53
High Yield	151.30	161.00	+1.96	3.34
(Accum Units)	434.90	462.70	+6.00	5.34
Smllr Cos Div	60.67	64.54†	-0.13	2.68
(Accum Units)	76.13	80.99†	-0.16	2.68
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	101.40	107.90	+0.42	...
(Accum Units)	104.90	111.60	+0.30	...
North American	81.30	86.49	+0.37	0.29
(Accum Units)	99.68	106.00	+0.40	0.29
European Special	93.80	99.79	-0.15	1.25

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	98.41	104.70	-0.10	1.25
European	155.20	165.10	-0.60	1.19
(Accum Units)	203.20	216.30	-1.00	1.19
General	288.90	307.30	-0.60	2.93
(Accum Units)	481.60	512.30	-0.80	2.93
Japan	465.20	494.90	+0.70	...
(Accum Units)	470.30	500.30	+0.60	...
Japanese Special	264.00	280.90†	-2.00	...
(Accum Units)	265.40	282.30†	+2.00	...
Master Accum	253.90	270.10	-0.90	0.80
Pacific	347.50	369.70	-5.90	0.39
(Accum Units)	407.50	433.50	-7.10	0.39
Smaller Cos	124.70	132.70	-0.53	0.88
(Accum Units)	160.10	170.90	-0.60	0.88
UK Equity Growth	45.21	48.10†	-0.01	1.61
(Accum Units)	84.66	90.06†	-0.03	1.61
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	65.59	69.78	-0.49	0.80
Inv Trust	72.02	76.63	-0.66	.
Cautious Inc/Gth	60.55	64.42	-0.35	1.60
High Inc Acc	57.96	61.66	-0.26	4.30
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	93.62	99.07	-0.67	0.40
Extra Income	25.18	27.70	-0.14	3.10
Far East	31.31	33.13	-0.32	0.27
Income & Gwth	79.55	84.18	-0.55	3.55
Intl Growth	60.25	63.76	-0.44	0.32
Japan	69.07	73.09	+0.34	...
Maximum Dist	99.52	101.50	...	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	44.50	47.09	+0.33	0.10
UK Equity	94.41	99.90	-0.70	2.16
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	641.10	654.20	...	4.77
Intl & General	446.30	455.40	...	0.56
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	59.02	62.79	+0.06	3.98
Smaller Cos	57.09	60.41	-0.37	0.83
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	259.80	276.40	-0.60	1.66
High Income	114.70	122.00	+0.10	3.88
International	98.90	105.20	...	0.13
Recovery Trust	67.53	71.84	-0.11	1.32
European Trust	84.89	90.31	-0.37	0.38
Japanese Trust	49.40	52.55†	-0.16	...
American Trust	86.11	91.61	+0.57	...
Managed	69.57	74.01†	-0.02	0.41
Cash	50.00	50.00	+1.78	3.98
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	365.20	371.00†	...	2.31
UK Inc/Gth	394.70	401.10†	...	2.87
UK Income	279.50	284.10†	...	3.54
UK Sml Cos	265.00	274.30†	...	1.17
Euro Gwth	125.00	125.90	...	...
N Amer Gwth	83.66	84.65	...	0.04
Jap & Pac Gth	87.39	88.62	...	...
Money Mkt	117.88	117.88	...	2.330
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 308 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	477.00	507.40†	-0.80	3.28
Equity Income	103.70	110.30	-0.20	3.30
UK Tactical Allocn	56.36	59.85†	+0.07	3.78
European	115.80	123.20†	-0.80	0.54
Far Eastern	240.80	256.20	-3.50	...
Fixed Interest	53.19	56.50†	-0.05	6.23
Gilt	93.53	99.18	-0.69	5.98
Global Growth	81.97	87.20	-0.34	0.30
Intl Bond	54.37	57.73†	-0.01	5.02
Japanese	83.82	89.17	+0.21	...
North American	160.00	170.20†	+1.40	0.34
Pacific Growth	116.70	124.20†	-0.10	...
UK Index	63.74	67.27	-0.12	2.71
UK Recovery	94.94	101.00	-0.10	1.46
UK Smaller Cos	131.40	139.80	-0.40	0.91
US Index	60.97	64.35	+0.32	1.66
European Index	73.36	77.42†	-0.53	1.30
Japan Index	45.00	47.49	+0.11	...
Worldwide	88.13	93.75	-0.22	0.94
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	49.91	53.38	-0.10	3.12
Income	61.32	65.58	...	3.62
Far East	59.79	63.95	-0.58	...
North American	108.10	116.20	...	...
Global	103.80	111.00†	-0.30	0.62
European	86.53	92.37†	-0.55	0.84
Japan	123.00	131.60	+0.10	...
Intl Currency Bd	58.84	62.36	-0.13	6.10
SE Asia	114.20	122.10†	-5.90	0.73
UK Cap Growth	94.25	100.80†	-0.60	1.83
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	354.60	377.30	...	2.37
-do- Acc	787.30	837.60	...	2.37
Conti Euro Gth	62.96	66.28	...	0.79
-do- Acc	67.06	70.59	...	0.79
Extra Inc	267.00	284.10	...	3.52
-do- Acc	669.50	712.30	...	3.52
German Gth	125.30	131.90	...	...
-do- Acc	131.40	138.40	...	...
Growth Port	565.50	601.70†	...	0.07
-do- Acc	570.30	606.80	...	0.07
Income	502.90	535.00	...	3.32
-do- Acc	1312.0	1396.0	...	3.32
Income Port	527.00	560.70	...	3.74
-do- Acc	541.70	576.30	...	3.74
Japan Growth	113.70	121.00	...	...
-do- Acc	114.10	121.40	...	...
Master Trust	80.31	84.16	...	1.38
-do- Acc	66.40	70.64	...	1.38
N American Gen	200.60	213.50	...	...
-do- Acc	231.70	246.50	...	...
NAmt Sm Co Rec	159.50	169.70	...	...
-do- Acc	162.80	173.20	...	...
Pacific Basin	264.50	281.40†	...	0.50
-do- Acc	280.60	298.60	...	0.50
Small Cos Rec	377.30	397.20	...	1.82
-do- Acc	495.70	521.80	...	1.82
UK Growth	88.79	94.46	...	1.91
-do- Acc	105.40	112.20	...	1.91
Worldwide Gth	332.70	354.00	...	0.19
-do- Acc	490.80	522.20	...	0.19
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	67.78	72.72	+0.45	0.30
General	89.44	95.97	-0.53	2.40
Income	70.21	75.33†	-0.29	4.70
International	67.08	71.97	-0.18	0.70
Japan	62.07	66.60	+0.15	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.74	75.90	-0.77	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	422.80	447.10	+2.30	0.69
Amer Recovery	487.40	515.40	+3.90	0.25
Amer Smllr Cos	140.70	148.80	+1.80	...
Australasian	175.30	185.40†	+1.10	1.32
Capital	835.10	883.10†	-0.10	1.99
Charifund	720.00	727.20	-0.80	5.07
Commodity	411.00	434.60†	-2.10	0.27
Compound Grth	952.10	1006.8	-1.80	2.38
Dividend	41.50	43.90	...	4.03
Equity Income	362.10	382.90†	-0.80	4.51
Euro & General	516.70	546.40	-5.20	0.52
Euro Dividend	73.20	77.40	-0.50	3.31
Extra Yield	427.70	452.30†	-0.50	4.34
Far Eastern	368.50	389.70†	-12.00	0.31
Fund of Inv Tsts	628.40	664.50	-6.00	1.85
General	62.20	65.80	-0.20	3.54
Gilt Income	63.41	63.51†	-0.63	6.94
Gold	74.70	79.00	+1.10	0.54
High Income	29.50	31.30	-0.10	4.27
Intl Growth	79.80	84.40	-0.40	0.73
International Inc	105.60	111.70	-0.30	4.14
Japan & Gen	52.40	55.40	+0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	183.40	193.90	+0.80	...
Managed Income	28.70	30.10	-0.10	3.68
Midland	67.50	71.40	-0.20	2.37
Pension Ex	970.20	994.50	-1.50	3.73
Recovery	43.70	46.20	...	2.08
Second General	73.70	77.90	-0.20	3.22
Smaller Cos	75.30	79.60†	-0.20	2.37
Treasury	25.06	25.09†	-0.01	4.63
Trustee	44.30	46.80	-0.20	3.93
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	82.65	87.92	-0.48	0.36
High Income	299.10	318.10	-0.20	4.29
Intl Bond	67.37	70.89	-0.11	5.47
Intl Equity Growth	72.54	77.16	-0.19	0.32
N Amer Growth	101.35	107.81†	+0.83	0.75
Special Sits Growth	22.98	24.44†	-0.01	1.65
UK Growth	382.50	406.90	-1.90	2.49
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1313.7	1340.9	...	2.70
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	153.40	157.70	...	3.65
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	194.20	207.70	-1.30	2.08
Gilt & Fxd Int	175.70	185.00	-1.40	6.50
Intl Growth	221.50	236.30	+0.30	0.14
North American	190.20	203.40	+1.60	0.33
Far East	265.70	284.20	-6.20	0.94
UK Smaller Cos	179.10	191.60	-0.70	1.39
European	81.98	87.18	-0.72	0.11
Japanese Growth	51.90	55.24	+0.28	...
Managed Pfolio	70.95	75.65	-0.30	1.46
High Income	188.90	202.00	-0.80	4.08
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 080				
M & S Inv Pfolio	154.30	164.10	-0.12	1.72
-do- Accum	174.20	185.20	-0.12	1.72
UK Sel Pfolio	131.90	140.30	...	1.96
-do- Accum	150.40	159.90	...	1.96
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 862				
Managed Tst	67.90	72.23†	...	3.48
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	77.09	81.84†	-0.61	3.93
European	84.40	89.60†	-0.76	0.42
Income & Growth	78.81	83.66†	-0.67	2.15
Nth American	62.11	65.93	+0.48	0.33
Far East	172.30	182.90	-3.10	...
Charities	120.80	128.20†	-0.90	3.32
Japan	62.07	65.89†	+0.06	...
Emrging Mkts	120.70	128.10†	-0.90	0.18
Intl Growth	112.70	119.60	-0.60	0.06
UK Growth	91.69	97.34	-0.30	0.56
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2060				
American	212.60	225.90	+0.80	...
(Accum Units)	227.30	241.50	+1.00	...
American Opps	93.64	99.88	+0.11	...
(Accum Units)	94.81	101.10	+0.10	...
British Blue Chip	80.48	85.75	-0.64	2.94
(Accum Units)	96.80	103.10	-0.80	2.94
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	4.82
(Accum Units)	133.50	133.50	+0.10	4.82
Emerging Mkts	125.70	135.20	-2.40	...
European Growth	250.00	265.30	-1.70	0.60
(Accum Units)	269.10	285.60	-1.80	0.60
European Income	87.52	92.73	-0.44	2.63
(Accum Units)	114.60	121.40	-0.60	2.63
General	524.00	558.90†	-3.10	2.16
(Accum Units)	1014	1082†	-6.00	2.16
Global Bond	126.20	132.70†	+0.20	6.00
(Accum Units)	148.50	156.20†	+0.30	6.00
Gold & General	202.60	217.90	+4.70	0.43
(Accum Units)	207.20	222.90	+4.70	0.43
Govt Securities	94.97	97.91	+0.13	7.26
(Accum Units)	176.00	181.30	+0.20	7.26
Income	157.10	167.40†	-0.40	4.09
(Accum Units)	238.30	253.80†	-1.30	4.07
International	465.30	495.60	-0.30	0.56
(Accum Units)	620.80	660.90	-0.40	0.56
Japan	208.90	221.50	+1.00	...
(Accum Units)	214.50	227.40	+1.10	...

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New Europe	178.10	190.00†	-0.80	1.37
(Accum Units)	182.20	194.30†	-0.70	1.37
Pacific	123.10	131.30	-4.90	0.64
(Accum Units)	133.90	139.60	-5.10	0.64
Recovery	350.30	373.70	-0.90	2.40
(Accum Units)	444.20	473.80	-1.30	2.40
UK Smaller Cos	63.56	67.62†	-0.27	1.61
(Accum Units)	71.48	76.25†	-0.29	1.61
Portfolio	81.74	87.00†	-0.50	2.60
(Accum Units)	95.07	101.10†	-0.60	2.60
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	116.56	124.00	-0.97	0.87
Intl Strategy	66.90	71.17	-0.37	0.07
UK Income Inc	78.01	82.99†	-0.49	4.52
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.34	14.19	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	333.20	354.70	-3.80	...
European Gth Inc	393.20	419.20	-2.00	...
Intl Gwth	200.70	214.20	-1.10	...
UK Equity Inc	185.20	197.70	-0.90	2.95
UK Ind Trckr Inc	160.80	172.10†	-1.10	2.82
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	202.00	214.30†	-1.20	1.42
Japan Tracker	82.66	87.54	+0.33	...
Asian Trader	203.20	219.60	-7.50	0.46
Managed Inc	153.50	165.00	-0.90	1.59
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95†	+0.02	4.72
Europa	178.20	190.60†	-0.10	...
Genesis	164.50	179.20	-1.00	...
High Income	23.35	24.76	+0.05	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 953				
Acumen	97.28	99.34	-0.76	2.14
Acumen Inc	93.64	95.62	-0.69	2.14
Acumen Reserve	84.08	84.93	-0.81	6.96
-do- Inc	76.68	77.46	-0.74	6.96
Americas Growth	187.60	192.70†	+1.20	1.13
Cash Income	49.73	50.24†	+0.01	4.36
Equity Income	100.80	103.70†	-0.70	4.31
European	74.76	76.88	-0.77	0.59
Smaller Cos	82.56	86.00	-0.32	0.93
Olympiad	69.22	71.18†	-0.60	...
Global Bond	47.40	47.91†	-0.35	6.24
UK Growth	94.34	97.04	-0.52	1.65
Pacific Growth	102.30	106.40	-4.70	...
Japan Growth	103.00	104.90	+0.20	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 810				
Avon Equity	120.71	128.41	+0.33	2.60
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS				
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	109.10	116.00	-1.00	1.53
Open Cap Gth Inc	111.10	118.10	-0.80	1.35
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.55	48.53	-0.36	1.62
Australian	351.60	377.20	-1.70	...
Conscience	76.25	81.37	-0.28	0.43
European	201.50	214.30	-1.40	0.70
Extra Income	77.01	82.16	-0.08	5.40
Gilt & FI	58.91	62.17	+0.14	5.95
Gold	65.11	70.01	+0.81	...
Income	57.05	60.85	...	3.82
Intnl	33.76	36.10	-0.18	0.69
Jap Smaller Cos	386.30	412.00	+0.70	...
Sing & Malaysian	218.50	234.30	-12.60	...
Smaller Cos	31.91	34.31	-0.19	0.56
Special Sits	37.82	40.66	-0.28	1.51
Sterling Deposit	100.70	100.70	...	4.50
Tokyo	93.73	99.97	+0.14	...
UK Equity	179.50	191.40	-0.20	2.99
US Smaller Cos	119.80	128.10	+1.10	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	77.02	81.94	-0.27	1.68
UK Income	112.80	120.00	-0.10	3.38
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.42	78.76†	-0.29	6.44
Higher Income	231.10	245.90	+0.10	4.20
Smaller Cos	89.62	95.35†	-0.18	1.33
International	102.30	108.90	-0.30	1.11
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	113.60	121.50	+0.40	...
European Dist	108.50	116.00	-0.70	...
Far East Dist	185.70	198.60†	-2.10	...
Global Care Dist	75.16	80.39	-0.52	2.25
Oseas Dist	1040.7	1113.1	-4.90	0.33
UK Dist	351.20	375.60	-0.40	2.12
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.80	84.28†	+0.06	3.41
Wwide Dist	106.90	114.30	-0.30	...
Wwide Inc Dist	72.68	77.73	-0.06	1.98
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 298 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	62.34	65.70†	-0.42	0.35
Fund of Funds Inc	59.12	62.40	-0.33	0.58
North America Inc	52.42	55.32	+0.30	0.45
UK Equity Grth Inc	61.82	65.25	-0.18	1.59
UK General Inc	59.87	63.19	-0.16	2.03
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.29	51.89	-0.09	6.42
UK Income Inc	60.73	64.10†	-0.15	2.56
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	233.09	247.97	-0.58	3.20
Global	353.83	376.42†	-0.97	1.04
General	197.44	210.05	-0.74	1.17
Bond	130.60	138.67	-0.55	6.03
Growth	129.31	137.57	-0.27	1.55
Intrepid	127.19	132.49	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	124.43	132.36†	-0.78	1.26
UK Equity	141.86	150.91†	-0.06	2.90
UK Equity Income	137.02	145.77	-0.17	3.37
UK Smaller Cos	129.34	137.60	-0.48	1.41
UK Equity Growth	131.34	139.72†	...	2.56
UK Index Trckg	141.99	151.05†	-1.47	3.19
Intl Index Trckg	147.68	157.11†	-0.08	1.00
International	236.80	251.92	-1.60	0.70
European	188.38	200.40†	-1.57	0.43
Pan European	129.82	138.11	-1.07	1.20
Nth American	166.91	177.56	+0.53	0.40
N Amer Smllr Cos	190.31	202.46	+0.77	...
Japanese	104.53	111.20	+0.13	...
Pacific	234.25	249.20	-6.24	0.15
South East Asian	246.04	261.75	-10.48	0.45
Intl Bond	135.89	144.57	-0.65	4.06
Gilt & Convertible	108.66	115.50	+0.14	6.22
Property	87.22	92.79	+0.01	5.01
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	244.00	259.60	-1.60	2.16
Growth	157.90	166.20	-1.10	2.31
Income	247.60	263.30	-1.30	3.17
Intl Equity	255.40	271.60	-1.10	0.51
UK Income	68.06	72.40	-0.37	2.79
UK Intl 25	79.49	84.56	-0.47	1.67
New Europe	76.78	81.67	-0.70	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	616.50	659.36	-4.45	0.26
Income	346.32	370.40	+0.77	2.83
Wwide Recovery	392.55	419.84	-2.26	0.38
Amer Growth Inc	236.47	252.91†	+1.02	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	257.79	275.72	-2.48	0.07
Far Esm Grth Inc	304.43	325.60	-1.63	0.02
Euro Gwth Inc	143.59	153.58	-1.34	0.61
UK Growth Inc	87.04	93.10†	+0.01	2.34
High Income	95.34	101.97	+0.15	3.72
Jap Gwth Inc	251.07	267.23†	+0.38	0.01
PEP Growth	121.26	129.69	-0.60	0.89
Asian Str Mkts Inc	118.37	126.60	-7.81	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	145.43	155.55	-1.10	0.01
Global Bond	59.41	62.60†	-0.38	5.39
UK Smaller Cos Inc	84.40	90.27	-0.07	0.91
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	111.85	118.99	+1.41	...
European	71.43	75.99	-0.34	...
Global	70.11	74.59	-0.08	...
Pacific	68.78	73.17	-0.34	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	67.62	71.94	-0.37	1.89
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	106.15	113.06	...	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	165.34	174.04	-0.64	0.61
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	61.36	65.04	-0.15	1.86
Growth Income	64.79	68.67	-0.12	1.42
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	136.01	144.70†	-0.35	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	99.19	105.50	+0.70	3.19
Conv & Gilt	126.90	135.00†	-0.20	5.14
European Income	77.94	82.92	-0.40	2.55
Extra Income	159.90	170.10†	-0.10	3.38
Far East	421.80	448.80	+6.10	0.14
Global Income	27.81	29.58	-0.08	4.23
High Income	124.20	132.10	+0.90	3.16
International	214.30	228.00	-1.60	0.54
Pref & Fxd Int	44.68	47.53	-0.13	6.64
Recovery	84.92	90.35	-0.32	1.86
Special Sits	112.60	119.80	-0.30	1.06
Technology	372.30	396.10	+2.60	...
UK Blue Chip	70.51	75.01†	+0.05	2.66
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Seaxmin Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	53.81	57.26	-0.07	2.45
International	96.02	102.15	-0.18	0.66
Gilt	25.43	26.22†	+0.06	6.74
Income & Gwth	75.37	80.18†	...	4.54
European	53.80	57.23†	-0.31	1.12
American	55.83	59.39	+0.41	0.05
Emerging Mkts	94.33	100.24	-0.94	0.51
UK Smaller Cos	32.92	35.02†	-1.37	1.54
Gilt/Fixed Interest	22.00	28.72†	-0.11	5.58
Global PEP	40.49	43.07	-0.12	1.45
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	258.90	277.70	-2.20	0.73
Japan Inc	115.00	122.90	+0.20	...
Nth American Inc	117.40	125.50	-0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	172.60	185.00	-1.00	0.68
Hong Kong Inc	142.30	153.60	+7.00	0.21
Swiss Equities Inc	66.85	71.81	-0.84	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	63.15	67.14†	-0.25	5.19
Emrging Asia Inc	193.10	210.60	-5.30	0.43
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.22	51.24†	+0.01	4.75
Thailand Inc	131.90	144.00	-3.00	0.93
Gold Trust Inc	86.55	93.27	+2.50	0.18
New Zealand Inc	92.96	99.56	-1.24	1.07
Im Mngd PEP Inc	67.99	73.44†	-0.10	1.64
Latin Am Cmp Inc	91.77	99.22	-0.98	0.03
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	58.70	63.18†	-0.13	2.16
Le Fond Francais	72.21	77.60	-0.35	0.38
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	83.15	88.93	-0.01	1.43
Global Portfolio	75.03	79.91	-0.06	...
Global Opps	75.75	81.02	+0.02	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	70.11	74.35	-0.97	1.85
AAM Global Equity	58.03	61.51	-0.39	0.78
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	93.29	105.50	-0.30	0.87
CAM Brit Inc Inc	...	...	...	...
CAM Int Rcvy Inc	49.51	53.76	-1.05	0.95
Temple Equity Inc	48.35	52.76	-0.14	2.70
Hartley Growth	82.47	87.73	-0.17	0.56
Intl Growth Inc	86.29	92.29	-0.22	1.40
IPS Portfolio Inc	89.92	95.76	-0.21	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	50.01	53.20	+0.04	2.42

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Premier Perfms Inc	72.40	77.43	-0.02	0.84
Roxborgh Strat Gth	76.35	81.66	-0.09	0.34
Tech Analysis	108.50	115.40	-0.50	0.30
Rosebery Growth	46.15	49.97†	+1.22	...
International Strat	76.96	84.45†	-0.56	..
UFC Ind-Acr Grth	56.78	60.69	-0.45	..
Coverdale Topour	52.55	56.70	-0.46	.
Prem Equity Inc	99.72	105.80	+0.80	0.58
Lowes Intl Growth	48.46	51.01	-0.22	1.12
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3965				
Equity Gth	170.80	181.70†	-0.60	1.84
European Gth	97.39	103.20†	-1.00	0.39
Income & Gth	139.60	146.50†	-0.60	2.51
Japan Gth	131.60	139.30†	+0.20	...
Nth Amer Gth	120.20	127.90†	+0.10	...
Overseas Gth	89.00	94.68†	-0.80	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-60 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.16	39.74†	-0.17	1.35
Cash Haven Inc	101.18	101.68†	+0.03	3.99
Cash Haven Acc	108.29	108.82†	+0.03	3.99
Global Growth	91.13	97.46†	-0.23	1.03
Equity Inc	86.99	93.03†	+0.18	3.28
Equity	731.71	782.57	-1.65	2.28
European	211.02	225.68	-1.54	0.71
High Income	93.17	99.64†	-0.32	3.14
Intl Grth	186.60	199.57	-0.35	0.78
Intl Sm Co	83.61	89.42	-0.12	0.28
Japanese	226.53	242.13†	+0.30	...
Nth Amer	166.30	177.48	+0.69	0.09
Pacific Mkts	99.08	105.96†	-2.98	0.65
Premier Inc	50.47	52.54	-0.14	6.18
Sm Cos	95.99	102.66	-0.28	1.78
Spec Sits	111.70	119.46	-0.15	2.10
UK Growth	121.57	130.02†	-0.20	2.03
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	316.00	335.20	-1.60	2.84
Reliance Inc	177.20	188.40	-0.20	2.42
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	101.10	107.30	...	1.81
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	567.35	593.35	+3.52	0.54
FA America (Acc)	649.48	691.43	+4.10	0.54
FA UK Equity Inc	163.45	174.84	-0.86	3.10
FA Japan	294.00	313.13	+1.40	...
FA Major UK Cos	97.49	104.21	-0.98	2.04
FA Smllr UK Cos	316.22	343.18†	-1.24	0.75
FA European	317.58	330.00	-1.06	0.57
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.81	52.25	+0.41	...
FA Asia	49.22	53.06	-1.64	.
FA Jap Smllr Cos	55.69	59.41	+0.23	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	95.84	100.88	-0.93	..
UK Smllr Cos	89.65	94.36	-0.34	
UK Income	94.02	98.96	-0.48	...
America	111.19	117.03	+0.69	..
Japanese	64.45	67.84	+0.31	..
European	100.85	106.15	-0.34	..
Gilt	86.22	90.75	-0.38	..
Deposit	79.78	83.98	+0.05	..
Managed	99.72	104.96	-0.90	.
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	93.50	98.41	-0.92	..
UK Smaller Cos	87.79	92.40	-0.33	..
UK Income	91.90	96.73	-0.48	..
America	108.49	114.19	+0.68	..
Japanese	62.90	66.20	+0.29	...
European	98.44	103.61	-0.33	..
Gilt	85.32	89.80	-0.33	...
Deposit	76.23	80.24	+0.04	
Managed	94.72	99.70	-0.86	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 080				
United States	78.42	83.53	+0.17	0.10
Pacific Basin	85.45	91.68	-0.84	...
High Inc Dist	130.30	139.30†	-0.50	4.36
Ryl Life Intl Cmry	61.19	65.07†	-0.32	3.46
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	71.27	76.08	+0.08	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.89	69.02	-0.37	...
UK Emerging Cos	124.80	134.80	-0.80	1.40
UK Index Trckg	168.90	180.00	...	3.10
European	126.00	135.10	-0.70	0.28
Managed	148.40	159.60	-0.80	0.80
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	155.50	164.60	+0.50	0.27
European Growth	112.00	118.40†	-1.40	0.72
Far East Growth	129.90	138.20	-2.60	0.04
Japan Growth	155.10	164.90	-0.10	..
Special Sits	206.90	220.10†	-1.10	1.18
UK Growth	79.54	84.61	-0.82	1.86
Triton General	245.90	261.60	-2.10	0.43
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	177.70	188.00	-5.00	0.15
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	351.80	372.30	-2.20	0.22
Growth Inc	134.00	141.80	-0.20	0.11
Income Inc	345.70	365.80	-1.20	0.44
Nth Am & Intl Inc	336.30	355.90	+0.70	0.18
UK Gen Prog Inc	218.90	231.60	-0.70	0.35
UK High Inc Inc	140.90	149.10	-0.20	3.27
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	67.79	72.11	+0.04	...
Amer Smllr Cos	87.73	93.32	-0.26	...
Asian Gwth	106.12	112.90†	-3.21	0.75
European Gwth	70.76	75.28	-0.50	1.00
Global Bd	60.43	63.87†	-0.28	5.00
Global Eq	69.71	74.16	-0.35	0.50
Japanese Eq	63.70	67.76	-0.03	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.25	80.05†	+0.08	...
UK Gen	56.39	59.99	-0.41	2.80
UK Gwth	61.16	65.07	-0.53	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	73.17	77.84	+0.37	3.75
Amer Smllr Cos	115.30	122.70†	+0.70	...
Asian Smaller Cos	53.51	56.93	-1.37	...
Capital Portfolio	134.10	142.70	-0.90	1.69
Capital	168.40	179.10	-1.80	0.31
Cash	122.30	122.30†	+0.10	5.35
China Dragon	62.43	66.41	-2.55	0.75
Commodity	139.10	148.00†	+3.10	0.53
Eastern Discovery	111.60	118.70	-3.00	
Energy Inds	123.70	131.60†	-0.20	0.16
European Gwth	198.20	210.80	-2.90	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	81.10	86.28	-0.98	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	54.48	57.96	-0.22	...
Financial Secs	201.00	213.80	-1.20	0.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	50.47	53.26†	-0.40	8.25
Gold & Exploration	89.25	94.95	+2.34	0.27
High Return	236.90	252.00	-1.20	3.77
High Yield	231.70	246.50†	-0.80	3.38
Income	124.70	132.70†	-0.50	3.92
Intl Bond	168.40	177.90†	-0.50	5.49
ITU	214.20	227.90	-3.70	0.52
Japan Growth	186.60	198.50	+0.30	...
Japan Smaller	206.80	220.00	+0.40	...
Korea	79.82	84.91	-1.82	...
Masterfund	57.92	61.62	-0.11	0.52
Scotbits	299.60	318.70	-1.60	0.89
Scotshares	299.50	318.60	-1.50	1.48
Scotyields	242.90	258.40†	-1.20	3.13
Select Intl	148.80	158.30	-0.70	0.43
Smaller Cos Inc	265.40	282.30†	-1.20	2.86
SE Asia	575.80	612.50	-25.50	...
Special Situation	128.70	136.90	-0.50	0.50
UK Equity	247.10	262.90	-1.10	2.57
UK Growth	68.30	72.66	-0.18	1.39
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	50.57	53.80†	-0.20	0.99
US Growth	157.10	167.10†	+0.90	0.10
Univ Growth	148.30	157.80	-0.70	0.47
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3880				
Retail Funds				
American	258.18	274.68	+0.81	0.75
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	73.88	78.67	-0.50	0.68
Euro Smllr Cos	75.36	80.38	-0.29	0.10
Far Eastern Gth	98.52	105.08	-2.73	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	53.69	56.60†	+0.12	7.23
Global Bond	53.75	55.55	+0.07	5.03
Global Emer Mkts	57.28	61.09	-1.20	...
Income	363.60	387.83†	+0.95	3.49
Japan Smllr Cos	520.37	555.06	+0.80	...
Japan Enterprise	75.87	80.92	+0.15	...
Pacific Gwth	130.20	138.88†	-5.80	...
Seoul	55.42	59.39	-0.69	...
Smaller Cos	226.23	241.31	-0.40	0.36
Tokyo	130.61	139.31†	+0.17	...
UK Enterprise	251.16	267.90	+0.06	2.03
UK Equity	244.37	260.66†	+0.49	2.44
US Smllr Cos	164.40	175.35	+1.61	...
World Fd	81.30	86.72†	-0.05	1.71
Institutional Funds				
European	233.23	242.94	-3.28	1.16
Euro Smllr Cos	30.02	31.27	-0.11	1.41
Global Equity Inc	79.45	82.76	-0.21	0.54
Japan Smllr Cos	40.56	42.24	+0.16	0.16
Mngd Balanced	190.79	198.73	-0.50	2.44
Overseas Equity	188.43	196.28	-1.41	0.57
Oseas Smllr Cos	131.12	136.58†	-0.04	0.29
Pacific	243.30	253.43	-8.43	0.87
Recovery	2035.9	2120.7	+3.76	2.35
UK Index	157.16	163.70	-0.89	2.78
UK Small Cos	123.97	129.13†	-0.39	2.13
US Smllr Cos	46.98	48.93	+0.36	0.14
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2280				
Equity Income	52.77	56.20	-0.28	2.89
Equity Trust	60.19	64.10	-1.15	2.17
Equity Strategy	72.71	77.44	-0.84	0.72
European Opps	87.77	93.48	-0.92	0.62
UK Smaller Cos	69.55	74.07	-0.64	0.90
Maximum Income	98.23	100.75	+0.02	4.57
Japanese	85.55	91.11	+0.08	...
Asia Pacific	124.31	132.39	-4.03	0.51
American	112.77	120.10	+0.53	0.27
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.00	30.00	+0.01	4.637
UK General Inc	53.50	57.07	-0.33	2.41
Intl Income	288.50	307.70	-2.50	1.43
European	78.01	82.52	-0.34	1.61
Japan	75.44	80.37	+0.37	0.08
American	69.16	73.20	+0.33	1.94
Far East	89.30	95.26	-3.30	0.49
Ethical Inc	32.53	34.80	-0.06	1.64
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.72	36.05†	-0.24	2.57
High Inc Inc	38.49	41.05	-0.14	3.36
UK Global Inc	41.71	44.55†	-0.20	1.28
Wwide Tact	77.46	82.85	-0.37	0.64
Europe 2000 Tact	54.35	57.69	-0.34	1.02
Technology	108.13	114.90†	+0.29	0.98
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	386.70	412.00	-0.80	2.57
American	276.70	294.00	+0.40	0.30
Pacific	403.80	431.00	-7.40	0.61
European	540.70	578.30	-2.80	0.92
Worldwide	95.65	102.30	-0.70	0.73
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	278.00	295.80	-2.60	2.06
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	216.60	230.50	-0.70	1.28
Select Opprty Inc	69.48	74.32†	-0.67	1.98
Income Plus Inc	74.06	78.79†	-0.80	4.03
European Inc	347.80	370.00	-3.60	1.50
Far Eastern Inc	170.00	180.90	-4.80	0.81
Japanese Inc	70.39	74.89	+0.17	.

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	265.30	282.30	+1.00	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	214.70	228.50	-1.10	0.16
Wwide Venture Inc	92.72	98.01†	-0.73	0.30
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	24.63	26.36	-0.14	2.60
Intl Growth Inc	32.49	34.78	+0.02	0.61
Market Leaders Inc	22.92	24.53	-0.23	2.74
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	384.20	409.70	-3.00	2.55
UK High Inc	199.30	212.40	-1.70	3.42
Europe Inc	346.00	369.00	-3.50	0.37
Nth Amer Inc	227.60	242.70	-0.10	.
Global Inc	218.30	232.70	-1.70	0.55
UK Spec Sits Inc	110.60	118.00	-0.50	2.67
South East Asia	225.90	240.90	-5.20	0.57
Cash Trust Inc	101.10	101.60	+0.10	4.47
UK Smllr Cos Inc	115.30	122.90	-0.30	1.50
Intl Bond Inc	96.94	102.90	-1.00	5.96
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	172.00	181.60†	-1.10	3.67
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	125.10	131.70	-1.10	0.75
Nth American	109.60	114.30	-0.90	0.41
Intl Bond & Com	134.90	142.00	-0.20	4.27
Pooled Pension (£)	191.10	204.40	.	
Smaller Cos	76.43	80.46	-0.42	1.07
UK General	131.00	137.90	-3.50	1.97
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	419.86	446.65†	-0.22	4.11
Global Inc	68.69	73.07†	-0.30	2.5
Brit Leaders	334.16	355.49†	+0.31	2.27
Intl Leaders	211.80	225.32†	-0.67	0.53
PAM Mg Bal Grth	66.07	68.64†	-0.23	0.91
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European ‡	121.80		-0.70	.
Global Bond ‡	104.40		-0.20	7.12
Samurai ‡	99.91		+0.17	
UK Growth ‡	114.10		-0.50	3.57
Tai Pan ‡	106.20		+0.60	.
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	312.70	330.90	+2.20	0.22
Canadian	83.13	87.97	+0.31	0.24
Capital	136.80	145.50	-2.10	0.44
Cash	100.04	100.04†	+0.01	4.49
European	137.00	144.90	-1.40	0.20
Far Eastern	176.40	186.60†	-1.90	
Growth	147.60	156.30	-2.40	0.94
Income	132.70	140.40†	-0.90	4.18
Magnum	145.70	156.10	-2.20	0.84
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Rodney Hobson on special clauses

Terms of sale that can keep a firm afloat

Supplying goods on credit can put small businesses at risk when the buyer goes into liquidation. Many businesses fail to protect themselves by putting a retention of title (ROT) clause into their terms of sale.

There are two types of ROT clauses. A simple clause allows the supplier to claim ownership of goods until they are paid for. An "all monies" clause retains ownership until all outstanding debts are cleared. The advantage of the all-monies clause is that when a supplier reclaims goods it is not necessary to match each item against each unpaid invoice. Anne Kane, a senior solicitor writing in the quarterly review published by Wilde Sapte, a London solicitor, said: "In the normal course of events neither the purchaser nor the seller gives enough thought to whether the ROT clause in one or other party's standard terms and conditions is effective. Often the effectiveness of a clause and the question of whether it has been incorporated into a contract between the parties is not considered until the purchaser has become insolvent. This is frequently too late."

A seller must establish three things to make a ROT claim stick: the clause must be effective: it must have been properly incorporated into contracts with the purchaser; and the goods supplied must be identifiable.

Miss Kane says that ROT clauses should generally be kept as simple as possible. Clauses that attempt to give suppliers extra rights, such as a claim on goods that have been mixed with other goods or processed into another product, may have to be registered with Companies House.

ROT clauses often fail because they have not been incorporated into the contract. Miss Kane says: "Ideally there should be an express agreement, either by exchange of letters or the purchaser's signature on the seller's standard terms." The buyer must be given sufficient notice of the clause before or at the time that the contract is signed. Miss Kane says: "Unilateral attempts to bring in further terms after the contract has been entered into will be ineffective. A surprisingly large number of suppliers put their terms only on invoices or delivery notes."

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One common problem is that both parties may try to impose their own set of standard terms. This is known as "the battle of the forms". As a general rule, the party sending the last contractual note before delivery of the goods will succeed.

Miss Kane says the supplier still needs to show which goods are subject to the claim and that they have not been paid for. That will mean going to the buyer's premises and identifying the goods, a difficult task if there are no serial numbers and the buyer used more than one supplier.

Miss Kane says: "As soon as a supplier becomes aware of the insolvency of the purchaser, he should notify the receiver or liquidator as quickly as possible that he considers he has a claim. Suppliers should not delay in attending the buyer's premises. The value of the claim can be eroded by the continued use of the goods."



"I'm in the red economy"

Recession paved the way for go-ahead partnership

Jessica Gorst-Williams on a practice founded at the worst possible time that has gone from strength to strength

Setting up a new architectural business in premises off Oxford Street in recessionary 1991 might not have been everyone's idea of a cautious approach to business start-up. But Terence Maw and David Le Riche felt the recession created the right environment for back to basics business practices, while low rents made it economic to set up in the best location possible.

"Architects are by nature artistic but they do need to be business-orientated as well," says Mr Maw. "It is a complex profession. An architect's role involves knowing about law and finance as well as building construction and having a flair for design. A business needs a balance of people with different strengths and ages."

Mr Maw, 57, and Mr Le Riche, 33, met in 1988 while they were both working for a firm from which Mr Maw was made redundant. Mr Le Riche thrives on taking a project up to the planning stage, getting applications in and spotting opportunities. Mr Maw's forte is the stage beyond, seeing to construction and running contracts on site.

The firm of Le Riche-Maw started in 1991, renting small shared accommodation behind Oxford Circus. "Only central London would do because the core of our business is the retail trade and our contacts are there," said Mr Maw. "Naturally we felt apprehensive about starting out in what was the worst year for architects since 1926. But we wanted to be established with a track record when the pick-up took place," said Mr Le Riche.

Having seen other firms fail when banks called in loans, they decided not to borrow at all in the early stages. Instead they mustered what capital they had and took on just one part-time secretary.

Their first break was in October 1991 when they won a limited design competition for refurbishing a 4.5-acre residential and retail centre in Bloomsbury for Tranmac. They feel they have had notable support from clients like Sears Group Properties, Eagle Star Properties, Crest Estates and the High Commissioner for Malaysia.

During their first year Le Riche/Maw had £100,000 turnover. This has risen and led to recruitment of three architects and a full-time secretary. The variety of work now being done ranges from a high-tech pasta plant in Canterbury to restoration of a Grade I listed 11th century church. Contract values ranges from £50,000 up to £7 million. In December 1993 they felt they had arrived with a move to offices in New Bond Street.

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Dynamic duo: Terence Maw, top, and David Le Riche of Le Riche-Maw

Wave of companies invest for growth

MORE than a fifth of small businesses are now investing for expansion. The investment wave is strongest in manufacturing, the financial sector and in business and professional services where a third of companies are turning on the investment tap.

Investment over the next six months is also planned by 27 per cent of small businesses.

The changes are monitored by National Westminster Bank's capital investment index which is based on volumes of new lending under the bank's business development loan scheme. Capital investment by small firms rose more than a third in the second half of last year compared with the previous six months, said NatWest.

Real-terms growth happened in all investment categories except equipment purchase. The biggest rise was just over 50 per cent in the business and property purchase categories.

Striking investment increases occurred in the North of England (44 per cent) and the South West (41 per cent). The Midlands and Wales each saw a 24 per cent rise but the South East 20 per cent.

More than a quarter of businesses said they were investing using business savings and investments. Others are increasingly using rising sales to fund expansion with almost a quarter saying they are doing this.

Jane Bradford, head of the bank's small business services, said: "It is encouraging that small businesses can expand using savings, money generated by their business, as well as borrowed cash." But she warned: "These early signs of recovery need a controlled response and any expansion must be planned carefully."

Another warning note was struck by research for Barclays Commercial Services, the factoring and invoice discounting arm of Barclays Bank. As many as one in five small businesses could be overtrading, Barclays said. Overtrading is when new business absorbs working capital faster than customers pay their invoices.

DEREK HARRIS

Business start-ups were 11 per cent up in 1993 and their pattern has been changing, according to research by NOP for Barclays Bank. An increasing number are likely to be started by men: at one time, one in three new businesses was started by women but that has fallen to one in four. This could be due to more widespread flexible working practices in bigger companies, which could have increased opportunities for women, Barclays says.

More middle managers and skilled sales staff — both categories that have been drastically reduced lately by some bigger companies — are also likely to be involved in start-ups. Last year, they were active in 22 per cent of new businesses.

☐ Research into the needs of small businesses in Devon and Cornwall has shaped a series of evening workshops being organised this month by Devon and Cornwall Training and Enterprise Council. Business advisers will be at the workshops, which will consist of two sessions each evening. East Devon is being covered this month, with sessions tonight at Honiton, at Tiverton tomorrow evening and next week at Okehampton (Monday), Exmouth (Tuesday) and Exeter (Wednesday).

The Tec is also organising a competition for local businesses to try to boost exports from the area, where companies rely for 60 per cent of their trade solely on the two counties. Export ideas are being sought and a prize fund of £200,000 will benefit 24 finalists, the best 12 standing to gain £15,000 each. Closing date for entries is April 8. Contact the Tec on 0752 767929.

☐ New Designers in Business (NDB), a group of 80 innovative young British designers, is setting up its first Belgian exhibition. It runs from this Friday to next Monday at Autoworld, in Brussels. It has been organised with the help of the Department of Trade and Industry, London's Worshipful Company of Drapers and the British Embassy in Brussels. It is a selling exhibition at retail prices but with wholesale lists for the trade. The work includes furniture, lighting, furnishing fabrics, rugs, ceramics, glass metalwork, silver and jewellery. NDB has been exhibiting internationally to establish markets for its members. In the past 18 months, there have been exhibitions in New York, Cologne, Amsterdam and Dubai.
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Positive meaning for 'alibi'

Regina v Johnson (Aldin)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Colman

[Judgment March 11]

Evidence, whether from a defendant or from any other person, which merely indicated that the defendant was not present at the place where an offence was committed was not "evidence in support of an alibi" within section 11(8) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967. Evidence in support of an alibi had to be evidence that the defendant was at some other place.

Although there was no firm rule that the court should invariably order separate trials where an indictment contained a count alleging that A assaulted B together with a count alleging that C assaulted A, it would often be appropriate to do so.

The avoidance of the unusual prejudice to the defendant would normally outweigh the convenience of not having to call the same witnesses at two separate trials.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Aldin Johnson against his conviction in February 1992 at Chelmsford Crown Court (Judge Groves and a jury) of assault occasioning actual bodily harm for which he was sentenced to two months imprisonment.

Section 11 of the 1967 Act provides: "(8) In this section — 'evidence in support of an alibi' means evidence tending to show that by reason of the presence of the defendant at a particular place or in a particular area at a particular time he was not, or was unlikely to have been, at the place where the offence is alleged to have been committed at the time of its alleged commission."

Mr Richard Christie, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Nigel Lithman for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was charged with three counts (counts 4, 5 and 6) in an indictment containing six counts. The defendant to counts 1, 2 and 3 was the victim in counts 5 and 6. The appellant was convicted on count 4 (assault occasioning actual bodily harm) but acquitted on counts 5 and 6.

At the trial an application was made to the judge for a separate trial of the counts against the appellant. That application was refused. On appeal it was argued that the judge thereby wrongly exercised his discretion.

None of the members of the Court of Appeal could remember such a trial where a count alleging that A assaulted B was tried together with a count alleging that C assaulted A. It had the effect that, if A gave evidence, counsel for the prosecution was able to ask questions of him in cross-examination about C.

That is what happened here. It was inevitably prejudicial to C and especially when the issue was whether C was A's assailant. Of course, if A and C were charged jointly with the same offence and ran cut-throat defences, if A gave evidence he might be cross-examined by counsel for the prosecution about C, but that prejudice arose from the nature of the respective defences.

Their Lordships did not suggest that there should be a firm rule that when such a situation arose, the court should invariably order separate trials. However, it would often be appropriate for there to be separate trials in such a case and it would have been preferable to order that the appellant be tried separately in this case.

But the judge was not wholly wrong in his decision not to sever and if that ground of appeal had stood alone it would not have been a sufficient basis for allowing the appeal.

A second ground of appeal arose in connection with alibi notices. The appellant's instructions to counsel, Mr Christie, were that he had not been present at the club on the night in question but was unable to say where he had been since his arrest took place almost three months later.

Mr Christie's original opinion was that an alibi notice was unnecessary but he decided to apply to the judge to rule whether an alibi was necessary if he was going to call either his client or two possible witnesses. The judge ruled that a notice of alibi evidence was necessary in respect the appellant and the two possible witnesses.

In their Lordships' judgment, by the clear words of section 11(8), evidence in support of an alibi had to be evidence that the defendant was at some place or in a particular area other than the place where the alleged offence was allegedly commited.

The judge was wrong to rule that an alibi notice was necessary and that had two results, both prejudicial to the appellant, which would not have occurred but for that error of law:

First, counsel for the prosecution, basing himself on the late service of the alibi notice, was able to cross-examine the witnesses in a way which detracted from the effect of their evidence and, second, a woman police officer asked to read a letter giving information about witnesses started to read the wrong letter with its reference to "previous . . ." followed by the word "conviction" which she did not read out.

The combined effect of the error about the necessity for the alibi notice, the decision not to sever and the decision not to discharge the jury after the error over the letter read out by the woman police officer was such that their Lordships were left with a real doubt as to whether Johnson's conviction was safe or satisfactory. Accordingly the appeal would be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Solicitors: CPS, Chelmsford.

No set off of deposit against debt

In re Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA

Before Mr Justice Rattee

[Judgment March 9]

Where a bank advanced money to a borrower company, a principal debtor, and repayment was secured by a charge granted to the bank by a third party depositor on a deposit made by him with the bank, and before the loan was repaid the bank went into liquidation, then there could be no set off under rule 4.90 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) of the amount of the deposit against the amount owing by the principal debtor, unless the security documents were such as to impose a personal liability on the third party depositor.

The liquidators were therefore entitled to recover the whole of the debt from the principal debtor and leave the depositor to prove for his deposit in the liquidation.

Mr Justice Rattee so held in the Chancery Division proceedings brought by the liquidators of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA seeking directions as to whether they should seek to recover the whole of certain outstanding loans from principal debtors, leaving depositors to prove in the liquidation for their deposits, purportedly charged to the bank as security for the loans, or should only seek to recover so much of the loans as exceeded the amount of the deposits.

Mr Robin Dicker for the liquidators; Mr John McDonnell, QC and Mr Jonathan Russen for Rayner Enterprises Inc; Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Michael Todd for the Agrichemicals Group.

MR JUSTICE RATTEE said that the question arose in relation to (i) a principal debtor called Rayners Enterprises Inc and a depositor, Mr Jessa, and (ii) another principal debtor, the Agrichemicals Group, and a depositor, Societe Generale de Gestion et Services SA, all of whom were respondents.

The respondents contended that the liquidators were only entitled to the excess over the amounts deposited.

A similar question arose in *M. S. Fashions Ltd v BCCI* ([1993] Ch 425) in which the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment of Lord Justice Hoffmann, but the documents executed by the depositors were in different terms from those executed in the present case, because in *M. S. Fashions*, the documents executed rendered the depositors personally liable to the bank.

The bank's liability to the depositors and the depositors' liability to the bank constituted mutual dealings falling to be set off under rule 4.90 of the 1986 Rules.

Mr Dicker submitted that because the security documents in the present case were not apt to impose personal liability on the depositors, but merely created charges on the deposits, there was no room for set off in accordance with the principles applied in *M. S. Fashions*.

If that submission was right, it appeared to produce the surprising result that the liquidators were in a better position in the case of loans by the bank in respect of which it did not take personal guarantees, than in cases where it did.

Two different forms of document were signed by depositors in the present case, but it was not suggested by the parties that there was any difference in their effect, and neither form referred to any personal liability on the depositor.

His Lordship did not accept the submission of Mr McDonnell that the fact that the documents entitled the bank to satisfy the debts due from the principal debtors out of the deposits made them debts which were also "due from" the depositors.

His Lordship also rejected an alternative argument, based on a *dictum* of Mr Justice Millett in *In re Charge Card Services Ltd* ([1987] 1 Ch 150, 177) where, having held that it was impossible for a creditor to charge a debt by way of security to the debtor by whom the same debt was owing, the judge said that "equity looks to the substance and not the form" and that while a mortgage or charge would not be created, there would be "an effective right of set off against the creditor's liquidator or trustee in bankruptcy, provided that it did not go beyond what is permitted by section 31 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914".

Reliance upon that *dictum* was misplaced. In that case the purported creator of the security was itself under a personal obligation to the bank and the purported charge was to secure performance of that obligation. If the charge was ineffective, the prior obligation of the chargor remained as a liability eligible for set off under section 31 of the 1914 Act.

Mr Carr contended that the court should decline to follow Mr Justice Millett's decision that a charge over a debt in favour of the debtor was a conceptual impossibility, having regard to an inconsistent decision of the Court of Appeal, not cited to Mr Justice Millett, in *In re Jeavons, Ex parte Mackay* ([1873] LR 8 Ch App 643) and criticism of the decision by Lord Justice Dillon in *Welsh Develop Agency v Export Finance Co Ltd* ([1992] BCLC 148).

Reliance was also placed on *Ellis & Co's Trustee v Dixon-Johnson* ([1925] AC 489, 491) where, in the House of Lords, Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor, had said that he had "always understood the rule in equity to be that, if a creditor holding security sues for his debt, he is under an obligation, on payment of the debt, to hand over the security: and if having improperly made away with the security, he is unable to return it to his debtor, he cannot have judgment for the debt". The argument was therefore that the liquidators could not claim the principal debts without giving credit for deposits.

For the liquidators it was argued that *Ellis & Co* had no application, because once the principal debts were recovered in full, the deposits would be released from the charges affecting them, and the depositors would be free to prove for them in the liquidation.

The property charged was not the cash paid to the bank, which on general principles became the property of the bank, but the choses in action, consisting of the depositors' rights to repayment. The fact that as a result of the bank's liquidation, the choses in action would be worth very much less than when charged to the bank did not alter the fact that the depositors would recover what they had charged to the bank.

The bank had not "improperly made away with the security", because it was entitled to withhold repayment until the principal debtors had repaid in full.

Although initially concerned by the bank's apparent unfair advantage, his Lordship was persuaded that the above argument was sound in law and should be accepted. It was wrong in principle that a creditor should be compelled against its own choice to realise its security rather than pursue the principal debtor.

A further argument, based on *Barclays Bank v Quistclose* ([1970] AC 567), that the deposits were provided specifically for the purpose of discharging the indebtedness of the principal debtors and accordingly were held by the liquidators on trust for that purpose, was likewise rejected since neither the security documents nor any affidavit evidence suggested any such specific purpose.

After referring to *Ex parte Stephens* ([1805] 11 Ves 24) and *Vulliamy v Noble* ([1817] 3 Mer 593), his Lordship said he rejected all arguments based on the assumption that the security documents were effective to create charges over the relevant deposit accounts: whether or not they were effective, the liquidators were entitled to recover the full amount of the debts due from the principal debtors without any set off.

His Lordship, after referring to *Stein v Blake* ([1993] 3 WLR 718) according to which the statutory set off provided by section 323 of the Bankruptcy Act 1986 did not operate automatically at the date of bankruptcy, but only when an account of the relevant liabilities fell to be taken, as when a proof was admitted, concluded that section 323 was indistinguishable from rule 4.90 of the 1986 Rules and accordingly it would still be open for the liquidators, in a case where the depositors had entered into joint personal liability with principal debtors, to release the liability of the depositors before taking any account as between the depositors and the bank and thereby avoid the effect of rule 4.90.

His Lordship did not think that possibility had been considered by the Court of Appeal in *M. S. Fashions* and expressed some doubt as to whether the decision in that case was consistent with the Court of Appeal's decision in *Stein v Blake*.

His Lordship finally rejected an argument for the respondents, based on *In re Multi Guarantee Co Ltd* ([1987] BCLC 257), of last resort, namely that a claim for the full amount from the principal depositors was so unmeritorious that the court should not allow it.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Gagrat Gardi & Co; Charles Russell.

Error does not invalidate VAT return

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Nomura Property Management Services Ltd

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment March 4]

No class of error appearing on a value-added tax return would invalidate the form so as to afford the taxpayer a contention that no return had been made. Subsequent amendment cured any vice for the future but did not operate retrospectively.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against the decision of the London VAT Tribunal on February 24, 1992, that figures furnished by Nomura Property Management Services Ltd on its final VAT return were clearly incredible and did not therefore constitute a valid return for the purposes of section 14(1) of the Finance Act 1985 and that accordingly there was no liability to pay the penalty there prescribed.

Mr Michael Kent for the commissioners; Mr David Goy, QC, for Nomura.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that it had been accepted by the commissioners that the return on form VAT 193 (form 5 in the Schedule to the Value-Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886)) reclaiming VAT repayments, had been incorrect due to an innocent clerical error without any dishonesty on the part of the individual who prepared the return or on the company itself.

At the office to which the return had been sent the computer, which ran credibility checks, rejected the return. A control visit was paid to the respondents where it was agreed that a mistake had been made and the form was amended. A penalty notice was later issued.

Under cross-examination before the tribunal, the member of Nomura's staff responsible for the matter accepted that he had never before seen such a large disparity in the figures on the return form and that it had been apparent that something was wrong without referring to the records.

It was also accepted by the commissioners at the hearing that the way in which the form had been completed suggested that the person preparing it had not known what he was doing.

Mr Kent submitted that the policy of the legislation was clear that the onus was on the taxpayer to make a reliable return and that if he failed to do so then, subject to specified thresholds and defences, a liability to civil penalty arose. A return once made was a return whether or not the figures on it were right or wrong and whether if wrong, the error was patent or latent.

Nomura contended, *inter alia*, that the return had been a nonsense and could not rationally be treated as valid. The omission of any one figure or the inclusion of any one patently erroneous figure was enough to invalidate the return.

In his Lordship's judgment, whatever the taxpayer sent back on the form was a return. If it contained errors, obvious or not, the consequences were prescribed by law.

On the issue of whether defects in the return had been cured by the amendment, Nomura submitted that the valid return for the material period became the amended one from the moment of the amendment so when the penalty was assessed the return had been in proper and unobjectionable form.

His Lordship, accepting the commissioners' submission, said that the liability to penalty arose under section 14(1) at the time of submission of the return and that without reference to the words in section 21(1) the commissioners' power thereupon arose to assess the amount due by way of penalty.

Subsequent amendment, whether voluntary or required, cured any vices in the return for the future but did not relate back so as to cure them retrospectively: to do so would be to undo the effect and the policy of section 14(6)(b) which limited escape from the consequences of section 14(1) to unprompted self-correction.

Such a provision would have little purpose if by amendment at any time when an error, even a fraudulent one, had been detected, the taxpayer by amendment could cure the original defect.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Field Fisher Waterhouse.

Challenging school place offers

Ex parte M (Judicial review: Education)

A challenge to a decision of a school admissions appeal committee should be supported by reference to cases on education law and not by reference to cases outside that field.

Mr Justice Popplewell so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on March 9 dismissing an application for judicial review of a decision by Lancashire County Council school admissions appeal committee refusing an appeal against the offer of a place not at the parental first choice.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the judgment by Lord Justice Hirst in *R v Lancashire County Council, Ex parte W* in the Court of Appeal on December 12, 1993 (unreported) in a case almost identical to the instant case, set out in clear form the correct approach to such an application which should be reiterated.

The depth and elaboration of reasons had to be looked at on the basis of the type of committee under consideration and cases about other different committees were of no guidance or relevance.

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No. 001101S of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF VITALSTREAM LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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London W1P 1LR
Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 00938 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CARLISLE GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 9th March 1994 confirming the reduction of the above-named Company from £16,701,763 to £12,580,000, the cancellation of the capital redemption reserve of the above-named Company of £126,000 and the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £73,349 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the above-named company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 11th March 1994.
Dated this 21st day of March 1994
Welsh Lawson
of Dorland House
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LONDON SW1Y 4PH
TEL: 071-930 7388
REF: NB/JL/C460
Solicitors to Carlisle Group plc

No. 00708 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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MISHCON DE REYA
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(Solicitors for the above named Company)

No. 00608 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MEETING OF CREDITORS
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DATED THIS NINTH DAY OF MARCH 1994
M T CLAYSON
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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P. R. Sykes, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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Trade Classification: 36
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Criticism of Scott over procedures and the Salmon principles is unjust, says **Paul Phippen**

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Lord Justice Scott and Presiley Baxendale, his counsel, have fired questions and been under fire during the 16-month arms for Iraq enquiry

Don't meddle with Scott

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the embattled Attorney-General, will give evidence this week to the Scott enquiry into arms for Iraq, now in its final stages.

Apart from the accusations and counter-accusations over the signing of certificates of public interest immunity, the conduct of the enquiry itself has been criticised, most publicly by Lord Howe, raising questions over what rules such enquiries should be bound by.

Lord Justice Scott has been accused of acting as "detective, solicitor, counsel and judge". And it is said that the enquiry team should have included individuals who understood the workings of government, that Presiley Baxendale, QC, counsel to the enquiry, should have taken a more neutral role and, most important, that the recommendations of the 1966 Salmon Commission should have been respected.

The Salmon Commission reviewed the working of statutory tribunals under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921. In relation to those tribunals, which have many of the powers of the High Court, Salmon considered it to be "of the highest importance that six cardinal principles should always be strictly observed".

Witnesses should be informed in advance of the allegations against them and of the supporting evidence, legal advice should be made available at public expense and witnesses should be allowed to state their case in public, to call evidence and to test the evidence of others by cross-examination. But if Lord Justice Scott had observed these principles, his enquiry would have been hugely time consuming and expensive and would have failed to achieve its purpose.

His terms of reference require him to examine issues spanning almost six years, to report and to make recommendations. He is not testing predetermined allegations against identified individuals who should be allowed to call evidence and to cross-examine their accusers. In a wide-ranging investigative enquiry allegations develop as the enquiry progresses and the identity of the condemned may be uncertain to the last.

Lord Justice Scott was asked to conduct his enquiry by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, and is assisted by an officer from the Department of Trade and Industry's investigations division. His enquiry more closely resembles a Companies Act enquiry than a statutory tribunal. The procedures are similar to those used by DTI inspectors in the Guinness, County Natwest and other inspections.

In 1966, when Salmon reported, the powers of DTI inspectors were still limited. They were strengthened in the 1967 and 1985 Companies Acts and in subsequent legislation. Parliament has repeatedly extended their role, in order to provide the DTI with an efficient mechanism for investigating companies, without introducing safeguards which Salmon saw as essential.

Salmon recognised that a tribunal's findings, even though they are not conclusive of guilt or innocence, can ruin reputations. He was concerned to ensure that witnesses had the fullest protection. "When a person against whom allegations are made is not even allowed to hear the evidence brought against him, let alone to check it by cross-examination ... how can any judicially minded tribunal be satisfied ... that the allegations have been made out?"

> "Hard questioning of those involved, to arrive at the truth, is an inevitable part of the investigation"

Many witnesses who have appeared in front of DTI inspectors share Salmon's concern. They are often aggrieved at what they perceive to be unfair procedures. But such concern has not found support in the courts.

Robert Maxwell raised the issue in 1970. He and his fellow directors claimed in the Court of Appeal that they should have the right to see adverse evidence and to cross-examine other witnesses to the Pergamon Press DTI enquiry. Lord Denning did not agree. "It seems to me that this claim on their part went too far. This enquiry was not a court of law. It was an investigation in the public interest, in which all should surely co-operate, as they promised to do."

Salmon's six cardinal principles were a counsel of perfection. Tribunals which do not observe them and which report publicly run an increased risk of unfairness to individuals who are criticised. That risk has to be balanced against the public interest in speed, economy and effectiveness. Parliament and the courts have taken the view that the inspection regime operated by the DTI strikes the right balance, where the tribunal is investigative rather than determinative. It is no surprise that Lord Justice Scott has followed a similar route.

The other comments on the Scott enquiry procedures are also out of step with current inspection practice. The enquiry staff are drawn, in part, from the Civil Service. Witnesses are giving evidence as to the workings of government. If government officials were on the tribunal itself, it would appear that the issues were being prejudged.

As for counsel to the enquiry, the proceedings are not adversarial in nature. They do not require a neutral advocate to stand between opposing parties. Hard questioning of those involved, to arrive at the truth, is an inevitable part of the investigation process.

The system of investigation by tribunal is imperfect. Strong criticisms can fairly be made. The experience is often harrowing for witnesses. But for pragmatic reasons Parliament has established the DTI model for companies.

The Scott enquiry has been more generous than most DTI investigations. Witnesses are given greater advance notice of questions. They can consult a legal adviser before answering. Any answers given cannot be used in certain categories of criminal proceeding. The legal costs of government witnesses are being met by the taxpayer.

Why should ministers and civil servants, who are already enjoying a more beneficial regime than the Government imposes on the business community, be indulged further?

● *The author is a partner with Macfarlanes, the City law firm.*

Please sir, why are we waiting?

The Children Act, which has been operating for two years, is working rather better than expected. To locate proceedings relating to children in one place has proved to be a rational and sensible decision. And the principle of making no order unless essential for the welfare of the child has been adhered to reasonably well.

The Children Act Advisory Committee, whose second report was published recently, says the number of cases continues to rise — from more than 10,000 to over 15,000 between July 1992 and June 1993 in public law and from more than 67,000 to over 108,000 in private law. The problem of delay in bringing cases is what exercises all concerned, particularly in private law. The delay is considerable and the time required to complete court welfare reports ranges from six to 20 weeks across the country.

Five months is a long time in a child's life and what is described by the committee as "clearly unsatisfactory" seems to me appalling. Yet cash-limited budgets and the new demands of the Criminal Justice Act on the Probation Service can only mean more delay.

Cases are growing longer, too. The High Court workload has increased drastically. Cases estimated to take more than half a day rose by 100 per cent from October 1992 to June 1993. Some cases are taking between ten and 15 days to hear, leading to even greater delay in bringing other cases.



BRIEF

PAULA DAVIES

It is generally accepted that the reasons for delay have a lot to do with the number of people involved in cases. Many people foresaw that the growth in numbers — not only putative fathers but also grandparents, uncles and aunts and others — would be bound to cause extra time and expense. "Almost anyone can come to court now," said a colleague, who is not convinced that the child is better off as a result. "In attempting not to cut corners, we have created more corners to get around."

Among such time and money-consuming corners could be included the inordinate amount of paperwork involved. The review of forms promised by the committee comes not a moment too soon. Proposals to simplify what the committee calls "the current rather cumbersome procedures" include reducing the number of forms required from 38 to 20.

Magistrates have extra paperwork to contend with and some are complaining that they are still not receiving case papers at home, despite the committee's recommendation that this should be done. There is little doubt, either, that the Children Act expects lawyers to understand more law than the old-time justices of the peace were used to, and the writing down of facts and reasons still causes time problems. One person will find it relatively easy to set everything down to his or her own satisfaction: three people arguing over a draft is another matter.

It has been tentatively suggested that a legally qualified chairman with two specialist lay justices might make a better forum, along the lines of an industrial tribunal. If that unlikely scenario occurred, perhaps we should take note of Lord Justice Balcombe's comment that judges should not sit in family proceedings without lay assessors. As a clerk remarked, "They at least might actually know the cost of a loaf of bread".

Whether a child should be permitted to attend court is a vexed question. Those lawyers who came from the old juvenile jurisdiction were used to seeing the children concerned, even if only once. "Seeing the child might make those present concentrate on the fact that this child is the important person," said a colleague. In my experience, seeing them resulted in less drastic orders.

The practice is now discouraged for the laudable reason that an appearance in court could be frightening, if not traumatic, for a child. Since the Act gives children a greater say in what happens to them, it seems logical for children to come to court if they wish to do so. So far as young children are concerned, it is surprising how much they can open a magistrate's mind. Most of them are more curious than frightened.

Another cause for concern is the Act's emphasis on co-operation between families and social services departments in coming to agreements without involving the courts. While estimable in theory, such attempts at agreement over the care of children can drag on for months, to the detriment of the child. Perhaps a more robust view of the situation should be taken.

The committee points out that a care order need not preclude further co-operation between social services and parents. Try telling that to a parent whose child has been made subject to a care order by the evidence given by the very person they were taught to regard as a friend and supporter.

Ideally, appointing different social workers would be the answer, but again, try telling that to financially constrained social services departments, where the amount of early preventative work done with families is now negligible.

The cliché about prevention being better than cure is nowhere more appropriate than in families, where help before disaster is vital.

● *The author is chairman of an inner London family proceedings court.*

Children v Tarzan

A GROUP of 50 children is seeking legal aid to sue Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to stop the installation of six high-voltage underground electric cables now going on near their homes in Essex.

The test case was agreed after a meeting of more than 100 residents from the six-mile area in South Woodford, Walthamstow and Chingford. The families are concerned about the reported links between electro-magnetic fields and an increased risk of childhood cancers, such as leukaemia and brain tumours, suggested in a number of studies in the past 15 years.

Lawyers for the children, who are able under the Children Act to take legal action, will argue that the Government has a statutory duty to lay down guidelines that force suppliers of electricity to minimise the level of exposure to electro-magnetic fields while further research is being done.

INNS AND OUTS

Race battle

THE London borough of Southwark has won first prize in the 1994 local authority race award to reward excellence and innovation in promoting racial harmony.

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Water fight

THE River Dee, one of the most important in England, could become the first to win special protection under new legislation to prevent river pollution. The river supplies drinking water to more than two million people in north-east Wales, Cheshire and Merseyside and is constantly at risk from the high concentration of industries in its catchment area.

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Shopping around for a barrister

Neil Addison calls for courage from the Bar to allow free access to barristers

If ever a man inherited a poisoned chalice it was Robert Seabrook, QC, who became chairman of the Bar at the same time as solicitors achieved rights of audience in the higher courts.

This move destroyed the Bar's entire strategy over the past 20 years and has raised serious questions about whether the Bar can, or indeed ought to, survive. Mr Seabrook is, therefore, to be commended on immediately setting up a policy unit under James Munby to consider all the restrictive practices of the Bar, to think the unthinkable and to test the Bar's rules against the criteria of whether they are in the public interest.

It is sad that the first report by the policy unit, which considers whether members of the public should be able to approach barristers directly rather than through a solicitor, seems to lack any real vision. Mere tinkering is suggested instead of radical change.

What is proposed is that the public should be able to approach barristers directly in non-contentious matters, but a solicitor will still have to be instructed in contentious matters. The public already find it difficult to understand why, when they instruct a solicitor, he has to refer them to a barrister if the case is to go to the higher courts. The average person would find it incomprehensible if they could approach a barrister directly, merely to be referred to a solicitor in order for the solicitor to refer them back to the barrister.

What is the logic of saying a solicitor is required in contentious but not non-contentious work? Since barristers' training revolves around contentious work it is arguable, to say the least, that members of the public should be encouraged to approach barristers in contentious matters rather than the other way round.

The Bar has two choices: either to remain a totally referral profession or allow unrestricted direct access. It is futile to imagine that any form of halfway house could be sustained for long.

The option of unrestricted access is considered in the report but is summarily rejected on the grounds that it would be "tantamount to fusion". But is that correct? Even with direct access there would still be significant differences between solicitors and barristers in terms of their skills and training.

All solicitors, once they qualify, have unrestricted rights to do litigation, conveyancing and probate but have restricted rights of audience. They need to pass further examinations and have relevant experience before they can have unrestricted rights of audience. Barristers, by contrast, have full rights of audience immediately they qualify but have to pass additional exams if they wish to do conveyancing. If both were dealing directly with the public they would be offering different rather than competing skills.

It is perhaps significant that the first "solicitor" to appear in the High Court was in fact a former barrister, but why should barristers be obliged to change profession merely to escape restrictive rules? Why not allow them to join firms of solicitors or form partnerships with solicitors while still remaining barristers? Such suggestions will undoubtedly be resisted on the grounds that they would destroy the Bar, but I would argue that they offer the best chance of saving the Bar from a slow decline into genteel irrelevance. The division between solicitors and barristers would remain but on a more logical basis, similar to the continental division between advocates and notaries.

Increasingly, the present division between solicitors and barristers is not working as it is supposed to. Every year aspiring advocates spend thousands of pounds training to become barristers. However, only a third of them obtain places in chambers. The others mainly become employed barristers, many in firms of solicitors, and are not allowed to use their training as courtroom advocates.

Meanwhile solicitors, who have a more limited training in advocacy, are appearing in magistrates and county courts on a daily basis and are planning to spend further thousands of pounds to qualify as advocates in the higher courts. It would be laughable if it were not such a tragic waste of public money and human skills.

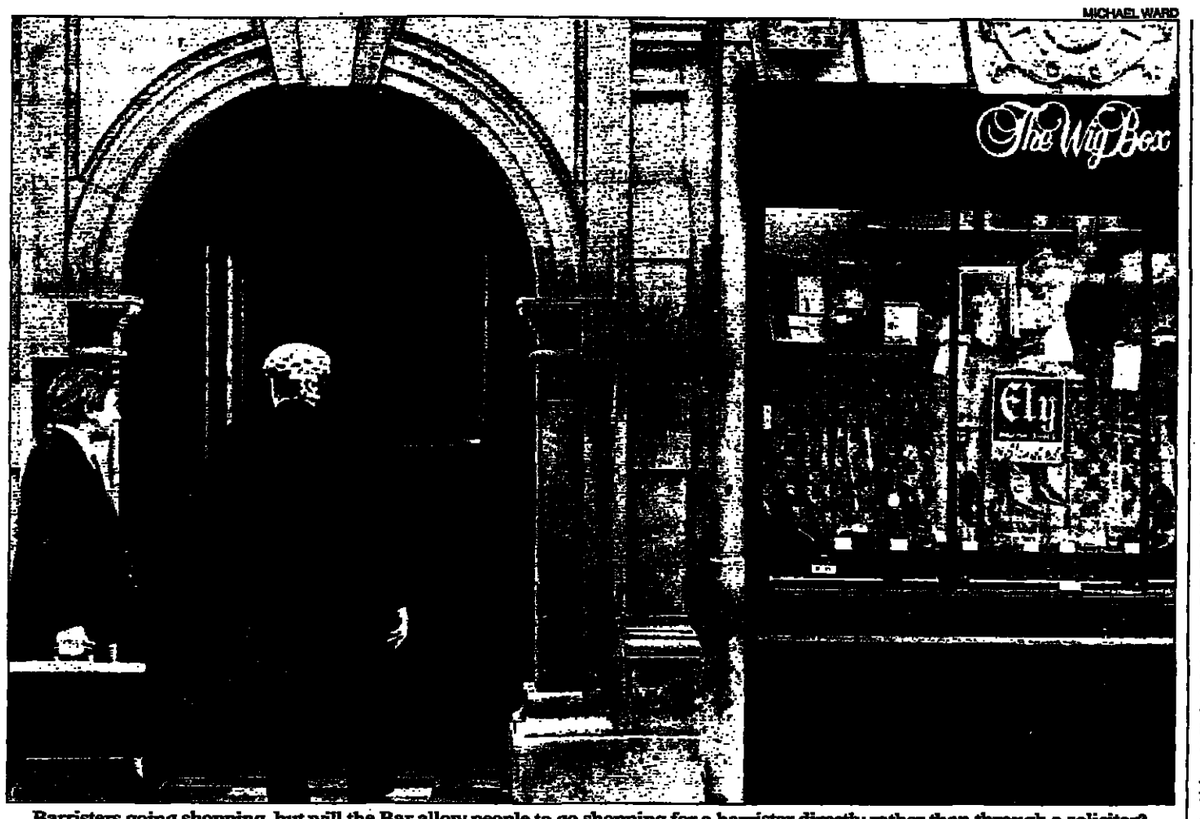
It is undeniable that the Bar's decision to look at direct access arises from a desire to recapture work from solicitors, and this is unfortunate. The future of the legal profession is too important a subject to be decided by mere beggar-my-neighbour pettiness. Direct access deserves to be looked at on its own merits as a sensible way forward for barristers.

The way in which the Bar operates today developed in the mid 19th century, but the world has changed immensely since then. Assizes and Quarter Sessions have disappeared, most civil litigation is carried out in the county courts and tribunals rather than the High Court, and the House of Lords can be overruled by the European Court, in which solicitors have full rights of audience.

In the midst of all this change the Bar has remained stagnant. The question the Bar now has to face is whether it possesses the courage and the imagination finally to reinvent itself for the 21st century.

● *The author is a member of the Bar Council*

MICHAEL WARD



Barristers going shopping, but will the Bar allow people to go shopping for a barrister directly rather than through a solicitor?

HOW would members of the public go about finding a competent barrister? At present, the task would be Herculean, *Frances Gibb writes.*

The Bar is only geared to ensuring solicitors know who counsel are — and then in the most modest and restrained way. With the relaxation in the late Eighties of advertising restrictions, most barristers' chambers produced brochures and there are several Bar directories, which people might find in libraries.

Chambers' & Partners' Directory lists barristers both by chambers and area of work and goes further than most in picking out the leaders in a field, as well as explaining how fees are calculated and what the average charges are for barristers of different seniority.

The Havers' Companion to the Bar also tries a more consumer-led approach, including biographies, publications, languages spoken and publications (based on details submitted by the barristers).

But there are no specialist panels, as the Law Society has, to help people to identify a barrister with accredited expertise in, say, tax law, contracts or labour law.

The specialist Bar associations could be asked for a list. Outside London, another point of contact might be the circuit leaders — the QCs who head the Bar on the six court circuits.

More direct access for the public is likely to prompt more marketing. A Bar Council spokesman says: "Barristers would probably target their likely clients, such as companies wanting tax advisory work."

Newspaper or telephone directory advertisements, even television, might be considered before too long. Michael Burrell, managing director of Westminster Strategy, which handles the Bar's public relations, says the profession is now more outward-looking than six years ago and the idea of marketing does not "horrify" as it used to. If direct access opens up, he predicts much more contact with the media, with barristers used as expert commentators on issues.

People would want to know who were specialists in particular fields and about fees. "Marketing has been limited to the extent to which barristers have needed to make themselves known," Mr Burrell says. "But that will have to change."

Insolvency law changes direction

Firms move into a 'rescue culture' as slump eases

Michael Heseltine's announcement last week that he intends to introduce legislation to amend the 1986 Insolvency Act in the wake of the Paramount Airways ruling is welcome.

The effect of the Paramount decision was to threaten the current role of insolvency practitioners by making them liable for employees' pay in lieu of notice, holiday entitlements and other benefits if they retained staff longer than 14 days after their appointment.

To avoid that risk, administrators would have instantly issued mass redundancy notices and forestalled any possible salvage operation. By amending the 1986 Act, Mr Heseltine will restore the previous interpretation of the law.

However, many insolvency lawyers are concerned that the misinterpretation of the Act for the past seven years could leave a lot of tidying up to do. Administrators could still be accused of crimes by workers dismissed under the previous incorrect assumptions about the law.

The consistent fall in the number of receiverships gives a clear sign that the economy has stopped getting worse. Insolvency lawyers, along with the accountants they serve, have now moved into a "rescue culture" and Mr Heseltine's action will safeguard that welcome advance.

Sandy Pratt, the head of the insolvency practice at Norton Rose, says: "We're now heavily involved in restructuring negotiations and the implications, for example, of debt-for-equity exchanges."

For key parts of the insolvency field it is the accountants who provide the vital lead. Robin Tutty, who heads the insolvency practice at Fox Williams, gets 80 per cent of his work from accountants. The cases coming through to him are more complex precisely because more options are available. The banks are less willing to pull the plug than they were a few years ago, so more possibilities have to be investigated.

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Memorials to an age of conflict

The Trojan Wars have inspired powerful new work from Anthony Caro, writes **Richard Cork**

When Anthony Caro revolutionised British sculpture in the early 1960s, nobody could have imagined him making an extensive series of works about the Trojan War. After all, the Greek tradition was implicitly rejected by the stark, machine-like abstraction of the welded steel pieces which Caro produced in his innovative heyday. Bent on breaking away from the classical legacy, he would never have contemplated the notion of portraying the gods and warriors who people Homer's epic poem about the Trojan conflict.

But now, over 30 years later, Caro has confounded all expectations. His latest show, in the Orangery at Kenwood House, contains no fewer than 38 new sculptures inspired by *The Iliad*. Starting with Homer himself, and ending with the towers of Troy, the exhibits represent specific characters or places described in the poem. Caro no longer shies away from the thought of figurative art, albeit of a non-naturalistic kind.

His attitude to materials has changed as well. Although he still relies on steel, these sculptures also use wood, bronze and, in particular, ceramic. Their unexpected presence tempers the work, ensuring that Caro's earlier fondness for exuberant colour gives way to sombre hues. And unlike his sculpture of the 1960s, which dispensed with plinths and spread energetically across the floor, most of the Trojan pieces are upright and still, with pedestals built into their austere structure.

How did this change come about? The immediate answer is that, last year, Caro visited Grasse in the South of France to work with the distinguished ceramicist Hans Spinner. Without knowing where the experiment would lead, Caro beat the lumps of clay until images began to emerge. He discovered that the generous amount of grog added by Spinner encouraged him to think in terms of roughness and bulk. Deliberately left rugged, the clay's battered grandeur was intensified by firing in Spinner's kiln.

Only then did Caro realise what they might become. After the lump now called *Homer* was positioned on a rudimentary pedestal, it became a "head" and spawned a burgeoning throng of deities and warriors. Once he had returned to London, the ceramics were incorporated in wood and steel constructions. In Caro's eyes, they now resembled the *dramatis personae* in an imaginative reconstruction of the Trojan War. And the Kenwood Orangery has been turned into their stage, filled with the ominous presences who turned the siege of Troy into a bloody tragedy.

The initial impression is of chronic overcrowding. Such a large body of work needs, ideally, at least twice the space it is accorded here. So many exhibits jostle for attention that I could not, at first, give each sculpture the attention it deserves. If Caro wanted the installation to convey the mêlée of battle, he has certainly succeeded. We move through these tightly packed exhibits with difficulty, and the congestion breeds a sense of claustrophobia.

After a while, though, I began to suspect that Caro himself approves of this tortuous display. Just as we can easily become lost in his sculptural labyrinth, so the Greeks and Trojans found themselves ensnared and disorientated by the long, largely

> 'The mood is more akin to a burial ground than a military parade'

inconclusive years of fighting. There is nothing triumphant or heroic about the vision of war presented in this narrow space. The mood is more akin to a burial ground than a parade, and none of the figures appears to be intact.

Even Zeus, the patriarch of the Olympian gods who manipulates events from his mountain vantage, looks battered. A spanner projects from the hollow steel case standing in for his body, indicating that Caro regards the idea of deities with sardonic amusement. But he injects a potent air of menace into the pummelled head of Ares, the god of war whose roaring terrified both armies. Boorish and dehumanised, he looms down from his stepped steel support like a malevolent harbinger of extinction.

But whatever Caro chooses to represent, he never lets us forget the inescapable fact of mortality. At its most literal, death appears as Thanatos, perched like a skull on a cracked wooden column. But everyone in this exhibition acts as a *memento mori*. They resemble above all a collection of melancholy remains, exhumed from the killing fields after the struggle came to an end. Look at *The Achaians*, a sculpture which takes its name from the Greek tribes who, according to Homer, advanced on Troy "like many species of flies buzzing and swarming round a cowshed".

Caro reduces them to a cluster of scarred and misshapen ceramic boulders, displayed like trophies on rusted steel shelves.

None of the characters escapes from Caro's bleak insistence on the inevitability of decay. Achilles, who is presented in *The Iliad* as the hero of heroes, becomes in the finest sculpture on view here a warrior stripped of illusions. Little trace remains of the resplendent arms and armour made for him by the craftsman-god Hephaistos. The ceramic oval lodged at the structure's heart looks scorched and moribund. It is hemmed in by a scaffolding of metal beams and poles, the last surviving fragments of Achilles' once-magnificent weaponry.

As for Patroclos, whose slaughter by Hector drives Achilles into a frenzy of revenge, he is represented by the most funereal sculpture of all. Caro calls it *The Body of Patroclos*, and places a broken, beaten-up ceramic deposit on a pyre-like block of oak. It is a mournful sight, but we are not allowed to forget the indiscriminate slaughter which Achilles carried out at his friend's funeral. Two more battered boulders flank the pyre on wooden columns, signifying no doubt the animals and men butchered before Patroclos's body was consigned to the flames.

Since this powerful exhibition marks Caro's 70th birthday, it is fair to assume that the emphasis on mortality has a personal significance for him. Even if his energy and fertility of invention is still prodigious, he is bound to be more conscious than before of life's limited span. The generation of sculptors who rose to prominence in the 1960s are now approaching old age, and the sad news of Don Judd's recent death must have spread a chill among his contemporaries.

All the same, the Trojan War show does not simply reflect Caro's own intimations of mortality. He is, for one thing, far too active to be overpreoccupied with such concerns. And besides, there are plenty of signs in the exhibition that he intends it as a meditation on the warlike impulse in general.

I was intrigued to discover, embedded in a sculpture entitled *The Death of Hector*, a component from a car's engine. It reminded me of perhaps the most horrific photographs taken during the Gulf War, when the fleeing Iraqi soldiers were incinerated in their lorries by American missiles. Without labouring the point, Caro surely wants his Trojan series to have an open-ended bearing on the equally savage internecine conflicts which persist in plaguing the world today.

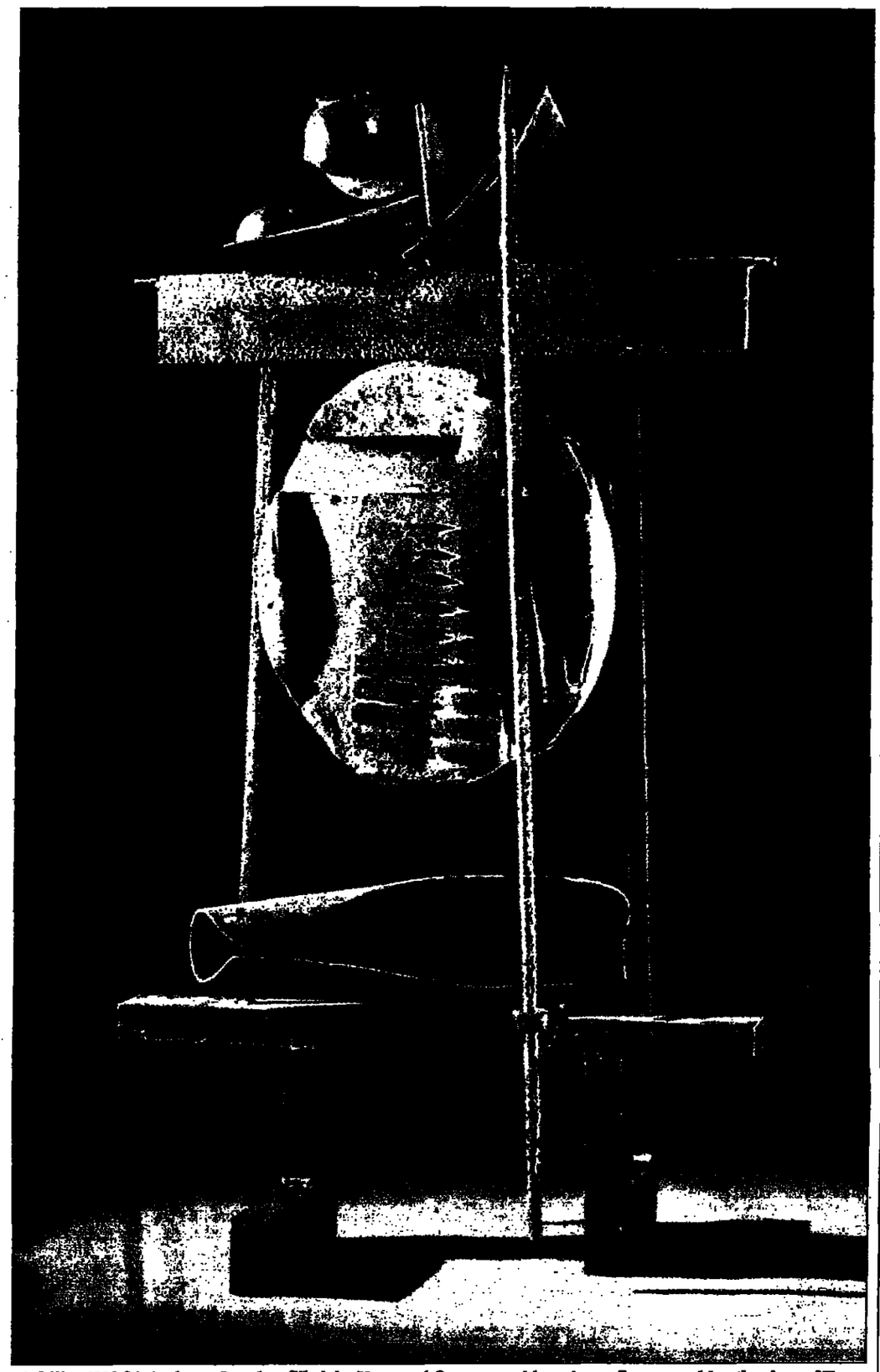
That is why I cannot see the Trojan work as a manifestation of sculptural decline. Some reviewers have dismissed the show, deploring Caro's retreat from abstraction into apparent nostalgia and conservatism. But in my view, he should be applauded for his determination to extend himself and take risks. Far from resting on his reputation and lapsing into predictability, he refuses to stand still. The Kenwood show is infused with the toughness and rigour of his abstract period, but it also attempts to emphasise human fragility with a pathos which his abstract work never encompassed.

Not that the introduction of ceramic figuration is completely opposed to his previous work. A complementary exhibition at Annely Juda Fine Art offers a mini-retrospective of his career. It reveals that, in the late 1950s, Caro was kneading and gouging clay with much of the expressive vigour he now displays at Kenwood.

One work in particular, a 1956 cast-iron relief called *Square Nude*, is closely related in handling to the ceramics he produced with Hans Spinner. And in a bronze as disturbing as the 1957 *Woman on her Back*, the young Caro already showed an awareness of bodily fragmentation and dissolution.

By the end of the 1950s, his involvement with clay had reached an impasse. But the Trojan sequence proves that he has rediscovered its expressive potential with a sense of new-found liberation. That is a victory of sorts, to set against the defeat running through the Kenwood show like an elegiac refrain.

● The Trojan War *at Kenwood House (081-348 1286) until April 6, and* Sculpture Through Five Decades *at Annely Juda (071-629 7578) until May 7.*



Achilles, 1993-94: Anthony Caro has filled the Kenwood Orangery with ominous figures evoking the siege of Troy

GALLERIES CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **DONNA McLEAN:** McLean's painting has made such a strong mark in a succession of mixed shows that it is difficult to realise this is her first solo exhibition. Nobody has such a feeling for the grim splendours of the Northern Line after hours, but here it transpires that she is equally observant of the Circle Line at Notting Hill, or the solitary man on the upper deck of the bus from Ladbroke Grove to East Ham.
Beaux Arts: 22 Cork Street, W1 (071-437 5799) Mon-Fri 10.30am-6.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, until April 16.

● **MICKAEL BETHE-SELASSIE:** How often does one encounter a sculpture exhibition saturated with colour? Ethiopian in origin, Bethe-Selassie has lived and worked for some years in Paris. His chosen medium for sculpture is papier-mâché on a wire base. Here and there references to African folk art can be glimpsed, but on the whole the work is as sophisticated as that of Dubuffet or any European practitioner of *art brut*, while the dazzling use of colour might make one think, improbably perhaps, of Hockney's *Paper Pools*.
October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, WC1 (071-242 7367). Tues-Sat 12.30-5.30pm, until April 16.

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TELEVISION

Puzzled by the Chinese

Channel 4's twice-weekly life-in-China series **Beyond the Clouds** came to an end last night. Farewell then. No longer will Ian Holm's portentous commentary — "The news has created anxious turmoil in Lijiang" — be heard over pictures of people strolling down steamy alleys supremely unconcerned. No more will fat-faced, chain-smoking Mr Mu and his cloyingly infantile 12-year-old daughter exchange happy-family banter.

I groaned at each appearance of Mr Mu, a camera-hogging braggart with feigned passions and bathetic opinions. As for his affected daughter, by the end I secretly hoped she would succumb to that old Lijiang female tradition: be roughly kidnapped and sold downriver to Shanghai.

But these are real people, you might object. They are not Grant and Sharon, on whom the viewer can wish seven types of tragedy. Well, I'm sorry, but as I argued after the first instalment, *Beyond the Clouds* was such a bastard form of documentary that one's lines got blurred.

As a viewer, I found I was either deeply suspicious that, say, nice Teacher Lu chose this precise moment to take his daughter down the mountain to the Lijiang horse fair (doing an under-the-counter deal while surrounded by cameras must have been tricky); or I was involved at a soap-opera level, hoping that Lu was not ripped off.

If only *Beyond the Clouds* had been *about* something — the effect of the one-child policy on brats like Miss Mu, for example. As it was, its principal charm was its colour photography, which was stunning. The Lu family (who thankfully hammed it up much less than the Mus) gathered photogenically in rose firelight; Carpenter Zhao, at home in his small village called Kung Fu (really), threshed corn against a revolving mechanical drum, amid a choking yellow haze; at night the paddy fields reflected deep placid silver and blue.

Ostensibly the series kept trying to whip up interest in narratives of different proportions. A murdered girl is unavenged! Youth culture in Lijiang is getting out of hand; "the whole town is in anxious turmoil"! Mr Mu attends the dentist! But its great achievement was emphatically elsewhere, in the un-narrative, everyday picturesque events such as noodle-making and the manufacture of roof tiles.

This was the trouble with Mr Mu, finally, as well as the chorus of "grannies" in their tall blue hats — they didn't *do* anything. They merely visited the dentist, or the optician, or each other, and shot the breeze with some of the most banal conversation ever to grace a sub-title ("Society is not what it was"). Moreover, every time the bespectacled gap-toothed grannies commented on public events, they averred smilingly "Killing's too good for them!" and "I think they should be slaughtered like pigs!", thus slightly undermining the claim that Lijiang, as usual, was reeling with shock.

LYNNE TRUSS

OPERA: **Michael Henderson** seizes an all too rare chance to appreciate the genius of an enigmatic conductor

All eyes on the invisible man

Der Rosenkavalier
Vienna State Opera

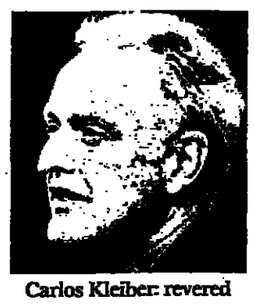
The work may be a "Viennese masquerade", but don't imagine that this gala performance of Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*, filmed by Austrian Television, was anything other than serious. A top-notch international cast had assembled for this dusting-up of Otto Schenk's 1968 production and, wonder of wonders, Carlos Kleiber had been lured from his Munich home to conduct at the Staatsoper for the first time in nine years.

The playing of the Vienna Philharmonic, so generous and loving for a conductor it plainly reveres, served another purpose. It deflected attention from an ossified staging graced — if that is the right verb — by some unimaginably coarse acting.

Rosenkavalier's attraction as opera's most romantic comedy of manners is unimpeachable. This performance was passably romantic, insufficiently comic and absurdly mannered. When Ochs's lickspittles hog the stage in the second act there should be movement and colour. Here there was only a gormless rabble waving and pouting.

Felicity Lott and Anne Sofie von Otter, making their house debuts as the Marschallin and Octavian, were acclaimed to the gilded rafters, and so they should have been. Unfortunately Barbara Bonney's Sophie was too knowing by half. As for Baron Ochs: Kurt Moll has performed the role so often he can probably act it in his sleep, and on Friday it seemed he did, though he sang robustly. Ochs may be a buffoon but he is no peasant, and when his deception becomes apparent he is not above some spirited self-mockery precisely because he is a baron. This Ochs appeared to have left his tractor outside the Marschallin's palace.

Sophie was also a role with a hole in it. Bonney was not helped by a silly grey wig which put years on her, but in any case she was not the slip of a lass the part demands. This Sophie has already seen the cards dealt for her, which cannot but undermine Octavian's entreaties. What a pity: von Otter conveyed Octavian's passage from joy to bewilderment to mischief to partial self-knowledge with utter radiance.



Carlos Kleiber: revered

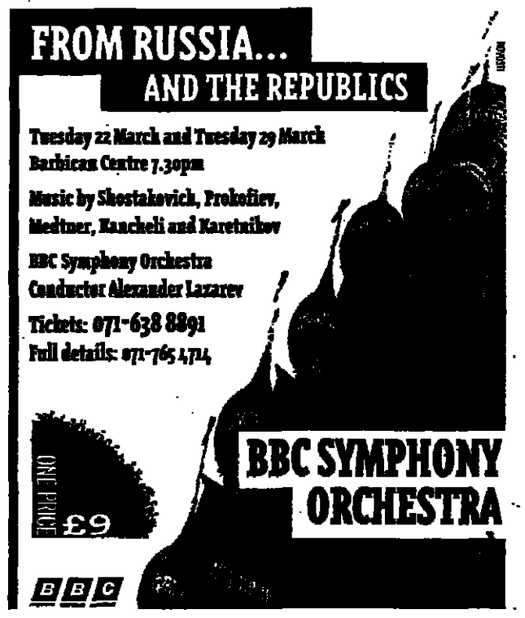
The singers were not helped by the stagecraft. Faninal, newly rich, could have afforded better candelabra. How on earth did Ochs fall for Mariandl's disguise in the first place when she was wearing men's shoes? One of these days, no doubt, Peter Sellars will transfer the opera to an oil rig. In the meantime we must put up with Italian intriguers from central casting and minions bumping into each other as though they were in an end-of-pier show.

The best acting was in the pit where Kleiber, given a hero's welcome, was mesmerising. At different times he resembled a fencing master, lion tamer, nosy neighbour and, when he flourished his right arm while gripping the pit wall behind him with his left hand, he looked like a middle-aged David Gower advancing to drive the ball through the covers.

Whether it is shyness, self-doubt or caprice, Kleiber is self-effacing to the point of invisibility. On Friday he let the principals take one curtain call after another after reluctantly taking his place in the human chain on stage. During the performance he looked at times almost saintly, at other times diabolical. It is not a face that lends itself easily to happiness.

Orchestrally this was a *Rosenkavalier* of one's dreams: beautiful, but never "pretty"; spring-like, with silver showers. Dreams, of course, can be ambivalent, particularly in Vienna, and the final image, of Kleiber's reluctance to share the delight he had done more than anyone to supply, was unsettling.

For those who imagine his kind of talent brings liberation, or deliverance, it is a cautionary tale.



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

KATYA KABANOVA: Bernard Haitink's luminous conducting and Trevor Nunn's spare yet spectacular production makes this staging of Janacek's tragic masterpiece the best operatic ticket of the week. Elena Prokina, making her Covent Garden debut, is superb in the title role, and Eva Randová's monstrous mother-in-law is a masterpiece of understatement.
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

HOT SHOE SHUFFLE: Hit Australian musical, with lots of big-band music, about seven tap-dancing brothers and their tangle-footed sister. A wow in Sydney; the ecstasy in the West End may be more modified. First night.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040) 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat. 3pm.

ONE HELL OF A DO: Welcome return of Jon Kenny and Pat Shortt, marvellous over-the-top Irish gabbers, hauling members of the audience onto the stage to help create the mayhem of a mad wedding day.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue to Sat 8pm, mat Sun 5pm.

SCHNITTKE AT 60: Each year the Royal Academy of Music presents an intense few days of concerts devoted to a distinguished living composer. The quixotic Russian composer Alfred Schnittke — said by some to be Shostakovich's natural successor — is this year's choice, and the concerts begin tonight with a programme including two of his concertos and the *Gogol Suite*. The festival (until Friday) includes 22 of his works, three of them British premieres.
Royal Academy of Music, Marylebone Road, London NW1 (071-873 7300). 7.30pm. Tickets are free, but must be booked.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: Spain's **National Dance Company** has moved on from Sadler's Wells to Glasgow, where it gives a week of works by its young director and choreographer Nacho Duarto. The quality of the dancers is a strong attraction: young, lively and excitingly theatrical.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), tonight to Sat, 7.15pm.

PLYMOUTH: Gary Wilmot stars as a charismatic bartender in Barry Manilow's **Copacabana**: a large-scale romantic musical set in Havana between the 1940s and the present day. Given its first airing in Plymouth last night, it will later tour to Manchester, Edinburgh and London's Prince of Wales Theatre. Guaranteed to pull in the legions of Manilow fans, but is the man wise to take on Lloyd Webber?
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 267222). Mon to Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm. Till April 2.

IPSWICH: Shared Experience's co-production with Wolsey Theatre, **Mill on the Floss**, reunites the team responsible for the award-winning *Anna Karenina*. Three actresses share the role of Maggie.
Wolsey, Civic Drive (0473 253725). Tue to Fri, 7.45pm; Sat 8pm. Mats Wed, 2.30pm Sat 4pm. Until April 2.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Perestroika. Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics: a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning play.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7pm; mat Thurs, 1pm.

■ **CABARET:** Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming, fresh from Hamlet, as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat 3pm. Last week.

■ **THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN:** Henry Arthur Jones's very daring comedy of 1894 in which a wife is prepared to commit adultery because her husband does.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 2.30pm and Sat (not Mar 19), 4pm.

■ **DEAD FUNNY:** Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their ditto admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **DEMOCRACY:** John Murrell's play is set in 1863: Walt Whitman and Ralph Waldo Emerson provide sanctuary for two Civil War soldiers.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon to Sat, 8pm.

☐ **THE EAGLE HAS TWO HEADS:** Susannah York directs Lisa Harrow and Stash Kirkbridge as Queen and assassin in Cocteau's romantic drama.
Lilian Baylis, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837 4104). Mon to Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

◪ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
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Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat. 4pm. Until April 2.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AUTUMN MOON: Clara Law's beautiful, touching film about youthful alienation in Hong Kong, dazzlingly shot in greys and blues.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

GUNHED (12): Colossal computer tries for world dominance. Low-budget, low-interest Japanese hokum, with Masahiro Takashima and Brenda Bakke. Director, Masato Harada.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

◆ **THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS** (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE MUSIC OF CHANCE (15): Intriguing if unsatisfactory film from Paul Auster's novel about chance and destiny. James Spader and Mandy Patinkin head a choice cast.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **West End** (0426-915 574)

FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
MGMs: Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Father and son share a prison cell. Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four. Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished cast.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, co-starring Denzel Washington. Director, Alan J. Pakula.
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◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told and critically acclaimed. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington: Jonathan Demme directs.
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◆ **THE REMAINS OF THE DAY** (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel, with Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.
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◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the Nazi concentration camps. An impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg; it co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
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SHADOWLANDS (U): Richard Attenborough's skilful rendition of Nicholson's play about C S Lewis. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.
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◆ **SHORT CUTS** (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles, based on the short stories of Robert Carver but updated. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
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THEATRE: Ralph Waldo Emerson meets Walt Whitman and, below, a *King Lear* for our time

Dialogue with a ripe pudding

Democracy
Bush

WALT Whitman and Ralph Waldo Emerson discourse upon many a heady issue in Walt's woodland glade outside Washington, while armies of wounded trail back from battles further south. Democracy is certainly one of the matters revolved upon the spit of their tongues, and the Civil War is another, Walt declaring that the latter will enhance the former, where Waldo cannot imagine the disunited States ever coming together again. The talk is airy and, from Walt, punishingly bombastic.

Holding a conversation with the author of *Leaves of Grass* must have been like fighting your way through a vat of half-cooked Christmas pudding mixture. There is no getting to the other side of that rich, ripe, alcoholic, indigestible mash. Fortunately, when Walt's verbojooce in particular and John Murrell's play in general become hard to take, there is the woodland glade to gaze upon.

Already famous for its resourceful staging, the Bush here excels itself with Robert Jones's lifelike evocation of damp moss, thriving saplings and paths winding away beneath the overhanging greenery. The likeness to life is made possible by the real soil, real moss, real saplings thriving at the foot of real lengths of beech and fir tree, real leaves in the canopy above.

Beerbohm Tree brought live bunnies on stage to run round the lovers in his *Midsummer Night's Dream*. He has been ridiculed for this, rightly I suppose, because rabbits do things that distract us. But since I welcomed distraction from the monologues Murrell gives to Walt, Jones did me a favour.


DONALD COOPER
Enjoying the woodland glade: from left Hugh Ross, Stanley Townsend, Nick Waring and Jonny Lee Miller

There even turns out to be a pond behind the bushes, where grows, Walt tells us, "the sweet flag with its velvety nature". One of his bare-chested young men, a deserter from the Southern army, goes lolloping through this from time to time, inspiring his protector to give vent to another hymn to the beauty of the flesh. The vivid reality of the setting exposes his rant as hot air. In John Dove's production I could not decide if Stanley Townsend's performance was failing to show the awfulness of Whitman's praise of death in battle, or whether he was artfully presenting the portrait of a blinkered monster. Murrell's dialogue allows him to get away with murder.

As well as befriending Pete, the deserter (Nick Waring), Walt is looking after Jimmy (Jonny Lee Miller), a blinded soldier from the North who sits patiently smiling in the sun waiting to die. The pervading complacency agitates Waldo Emerson, the New Englander soberly dressed in neat frock coat and tie; his lilting, sarcastic, slightly pedantic objections are tense with honourable passion, strongly conveyed by Hugh Ross. Nothing is concluded, except poor Jimmy, and it is difficult to grasp the play's purpose, unless it be to reduce interest in Whitman.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Too young to retire

King Lear
Cochrane, WC1

TALAWA Theatre Company sets *King Lear* in a post-millennial world. The heath is cardboard city, the court a boardroom. So says the press release. Yvonne Brewster's staging only hazily conveys this reading.

A cloud, hovering around in the suggestive shape of a Georgia O'Keeffe convolvulus, does briefly descend to form a tent. Lear is enthroned on an architect's model for Docklands but surely he and the Fool are ancient Noh actors with their white face-paint. Letters are sealed in space-age plastic yet the royals are costumed in traditional African hats. Arab head scarves and Indian frock coats. Meanwhile, the intrusive set's red guy ropes create a circus not the City.

Brewster disperses her production's power by being in so many minds. Ben Thomas, though brave stepping in when Norman Beaton became ill, is unwise acting Lear aged 39. He lacks the pathos of frailty and does not map the king's Fool truly. He enters with macho majesty: one wonders why he is even planning his retirement. Next, as if traffic to Albany was diverted via Mars, he arrives at Goneril's bent double with elbows out and both hands on the small of his back like a farcical caricature of old age.

This clumsy staging is insensitive to how *King Lear* tightrope-walks between tears and laughter. Frankly, the most upsetting thing is how such an emotionally scathing play is rendered unmoving. The cast plump for buffoonery more often than is appropriate. Edgar, in desperate straits, is apparently just fooling: mad Tom is Mr Crotch Comedy. Why do actors feel compelled to thrust their pelvises whenever Shakespeare punningly slips in a rude word?

David Harewood's Edmund the Bastard is potently funny and makes something out of a black company performing this play: discriminated against, he turns to crime. David Webber doing Kent's rude dialect as a cussing Jamaican is enormously witty. But what about the Fool singing "The wind and the rain" to the tune of — yes — "Singing in the Rain"? Mona Hammond's funny business must be driving Lear round the bend.

Goneril and Regan (Lolita Chakrabarti and Cathy Tyson) have no coruscating ice in their souls. Petite Diane Parish's Cordelia is a child, an innocent indeed. However, though she claims she speaks what she feels, no one is feeling what they speak.

In my review yesterday of *No Way Out* at the Drill Hall, the "frantically funny" actress playing Our Lady and Estelle should have been identified as Siobhan Stanley. My apologies to her.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: More from the Spring Loaded season

A voice of his own

Baldwin/ Greenhough/Marks
The Place

AFTER more than a decade as Rambert Dance Company's unofficial leading male dancer, **Mark Baldwin** has decided to move seriously on to choreography. Richard Alston and Christopher Bruce, former and present director respectively of Rambert, have commissioned work from him; he is currently resident choreographer at Sadler's Wells. He is an exception to my rule of being wary of dancers who turn to choreography. He is, I think, a proper choreographer, driven by a creative vision; not a dancer devising steps to diversify and extend his career.

No one is claiming him to be a towering innovator. The influences of Alston and Merce Cunningham show up as visible strands. But he does, even so, have an independent flavour. He revels in the sheer pictorial potential of movement, the infinite permutations of contours and angles that draw themselves on the canvas of space. He uses these to present his dancers as definite individuals, each with their idiosyncratic calligraphy.

In the solo *Kate Lines* Cathrine Price at first stays away, leaving the stage to a tall wire structure and to the live music of Dangerous Kitchen, a duo who cook up elaborate medleys of rustles, rattles and drumming. When she finally darts into view, she is a taut, sporty figure in black, her patterns displaying her lithe flexibility, the lines of her arms clean and clear. All this strikes chords of Alston's own *Soda Lake* created many years ago for one dancer and a glossy, monumental sculpture by Nigel Hall, but the parallel seems subversively deliberate, the flimsy sculpture (by Julia Manheim) in Baldwin's piece resembling a giant lampshade frame.

Baldwin's distinctiveness asserts itself increasingly, not least in touches of quirky humour. His own incursions in his group pieces have a clownish quality, with throw-away incongruities of movement; while props make unexpected, dadaist appearances. *Factual Nonsense* (again to Dangerous Kitchen music) is opened by Sara Matthews and Lee Boggess entering with the swaying shuffles of cross-country skiers. *More Poulenc* (to Poulenc's *Soirées de Nazelles*) has movement almost like dialogue, dancers stating their motifs in graphic sentences. They measure their phrases carefully, interrupting a series of detailed flurries with the serene art of an extended leg or the smooth circular swish of a pointed foot on the ground.

Baldwin's starting point is dance; whereas **Victoria Marks** and **Karen Greenhough** both seem to begin with an idea, then use whatever means — dance, gesture, speech — they feel appropriate. This proved a problem in their shared programme: neither choreographer appeared able to invent movement of intrinsic interest or resonance.

Greenhough's rambling *A Little Journey from the Bed to the Chair* might have been a version of *Little Women*, or that cliché, the journey of life — I'm not sure which. Marks's two-part *Here Not Here*, interrupted by the Greenhough piece, made a more substantial impact in its later group section (co-choreographed with David Dorfman) than in its opening solo for Anna Poris Carrera.

The theme of presence and absence, articulated in words and movement, initially seemed treated superficially; but then the reprise conveyed a real community of emotion, the dancers calling to each other, embracing, intertwining, fragmenting as Beethoven's taped "Eroica" Symphony flowed beautifully over them. It recalled the humanity of the choreographer Paul Taylor, the Taylor of, for instance, *Esplanade*. But only so far. Where Taylor is able to transform simple walks, crawls and rolls into rich, heart-tugging choreography, Marks's language often looks slovenly and thin.

NADINE MEISNER

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An American in Paris, and all that jazz

It took Dee Dee Bridgewater a long time to find her niche as the natural successor to Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, **Clive Davis** reports

ALAN WELLER



With a Tony award for her role in *The Wiz* behind her, and a flirtation with pop consigned to history, Dee Dee Bridgewater is back singing jazz, and going down a bomb

Some performers, the lucky few, slip effortlessly on to the path that best suits their temperament. Others only begin to find their niche after a good number of false starts and hopeful experiments. Dee Dee Bridgewater belongs to the latter category. More than 20 years after she made her recording debut, the American singer is finally realising her true potential while leading the life of an expatriate in France.

Still little known in this country, she belongs to that illustrious line of singers who combine jazz virtuosity with a passion for the classic American songbook. Now that Sarah Vaughan is no longer with us and Ella Fitzgerald is in uncertain health, Bridgewater is one of the leading contenders to fill the gap on the international stage. She gives a rare series of British concerts this week as part of the Silk Cut City Jazz season.

> "I don't like playing clubs. I lose my voice in them because of the smoke"

In the past she has had a reputation for being an occasionally histrionic singer, prone to trampling lyrics into the dust. But her most recent albums, culminating in last year's *Keeping Tradition*, gave notice that she had reached a new level of maturity. Although most of the songs may be familiar ("Fascinating Rhythm", "What Is This Thing Called Love?", "Polka Dots And Moonbeams"), Bridgewater's performances make the words seem freshly minted.

There is plenty of virtuosity on show, but little danger of the songs being reduced to vehicles for displays of bravura vocalising. Much of the credit must go to her bassist Hein van de Geyn, whose supple trio arrangements give pianist Thierry Eliez and drummer Dede Ceccarelli ample scope for improvisation.

Bridgewater settled in France in 1986 while touring in *Lady Day*, a play inspired by the ill-starred life of Billie Holiday. She now lives quietly with her French husband and their young son in a rural retreat outside Paris. "I used to like to sit in cafés and hang out in jazz clubs to hear who was playing what," she says. "But my privacy is more and more important to me now. I'm working so much now that when I'm free I just want to go home and have some quiet."

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1950, she is the daughter of a high school music teacher who went on the road each summer as a trumpeter with Dinah Washington's band. Washington was, Bridgewater recalls, the first singer she ever heard. In adolescence she listened to Nina Simone above all others, partly out of admiration for her outspoken political views. Surprisingly, she did not begin to pay close attention to Ella Fitzgerald's work until very recently.

With her first husband, the respected bassist Cecil Bridgewater, she moved to New York and entered a steep learning curve as a vocalist with the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis big band and the Max Roach quintet. Later she took up acting and won a Tony award for her performance in the Broadway show *The Wiz*. Later still she moved to Los Angeles to try her hand as a pop singer.

But, she says, she grew up as an artist in Paris. She was not the first to discover that the French treat jazz musicians with a respect — and sometimes earnestness, it has to be said — not always to be found on the other side of the Atlantic. It was gratifying to discover audiences who listened attentively. Her concerts there have taken on some of the formal qualities of recitals.

She now performs exclusively in concert halls or, better still, theatres. Some singers prefer the intimacy of a small club. Not so Bridgewater.

"Generally I don't like clubs," she says. "I lose my voice in them because of the smoke, the pay is lower, the hours are much longer and between sets there's nowhere to go. So you stand at the bar or go in the bathroom — and you can't stay in the bathroom all night. Besides, it is possible to create intimacy in a concert hall. Lighting can give you that feeling, and I psyche myself into feeling I'm playing a giant living room."

Her current trio has given her extra confidence. In the past, she admits, she tended to over-project — "clown around", as she puts it — as a way of compensating for what she saw as weaknesses in her bands. With Van de Geyn and the others she feels free to concentrate on the music.

But is she concerned about the dearth of new material for singers? Once upon a time the Ellas and Sarahs were awash with high-class show tunes. But Broadway no longer supplies much of any enduring value, and it is no good looking to the pop charts for an alternative.

"It's true," Bridgewater says. "The modern melodies are all complicated and so many of the stories are realistic and depressing. That's why we feel relegated to playing the standards. I keep thinking there's got to be something new out there. I like some of Prince's and Sting's songs — some of them are kind of jazzy — but now I'm thinking of writing for myself."

A project with Michel Legrand is also on the horizon, and Bridgewater has also sung the pop theme to *La Vengeance d'une Blonde*, a new comedy film. She recently emerged from a long-running dispute with her former manager which had kept her out of the recording studios for some time. Now she has more confidence in her own judgment.

"During that period I did lots and lots of concert work and I started making all sorts of decisions about different projects, and when they worked I realised I could come up with good ideas. When I was younger I never had the nerve to say what I wanted to do. I was always the obedient artist following the management, who misdirected her right and left."

● *Dee Dee Bridgewater is at Birmingham Town Hall (021-236 2392) on Thursday, followed by Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019) Friday; Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800) Saturday; Royal Exchange, Manchester (061-833 9833) Sunday. The album* Keeping Tradition *is available on Verve*

CONCERTS: Oldham tries to whip up Walton-mania ... Beethoven would have enjoyed himself at the Festival Hall ... Spanish renaissance in full voice

Poor tribute to a famous son

Walton Gala
QEH, Oldham

SIR William Walton was generally disinclined to celebrate his association with Oldham, which he left at an early age for Oxford, Bloomsbury and Ischia, but the borough is quite happy about its association with him. Oldham has just staged its second Walton Festival and is assembling a Walton archive.

The Walton festival is untidily put together (like the printed programme which contrived to leave out the names of the choruses involved in the central event of the weekend). It could be twice as effective at the same price if the concerts were more thoughtfully constructed. Rossini's *Semiramide* overture; the sadly uninspired "Prologo e Fantasia"; five ill-assorted pieces from the *Hamlet* film score; Verdi's *Nabucco* overture; *Belshazzar's Feast* — it's no wonder that, except towards the end of the *Hamlet* Funeral March, Elgar Howarth conducted the first four items as though they were rolling past on a production line. He was not encouraged, it should be said, by the acoustics of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, which are certainly clear but also unflatteringly dry and without atmosphere.

The performance of *Belshazzar's Feast* was a different matter. Partly through skilful stage management, which brought the semi-chorus near the front of the platform, and partly because of the deployment of the two brass bands, it was a triumph over acoustic obstacles. Of course, it is a brilliantly effective piece, both original and natural in its word-setting, both uninhibited and calculated in its scoring, highly characteristic in sound in spite of the occasional intrusion of an *Oedipus Rex* fanfare or a *Salome* shudder. Even so, without Howarth's sustained rhythmic energy and his determination to bring the colouring into high relief, it could have flopped in these circumstances.

There was some initial insecurity in pitch among the tenors and basses of the Leeds Festival Chorus and the Sinfonia Chorus, but once they and the English National Philharmonia were caught up in the momentum of the feast — inspired by the forthright and stirring declamation of the baritone soloist, Peter Sidhom — they achieved an impressive and even exhilarating security. The audience was clearly thrilled by it and will surely come back for more in a better organised festival next year.

GERALD LARNER



William Walton rehearsing *Belshazzar's Feast* in 1971

Master of the Master

John Lill
Festival Hall

NO hiding behind the digits for John Lill, whose Sunday night solo programme in the International Piano Series on the South Bank was announced as celebrating his 50th birthday the previous Thursday. If such a milestone is sometimes thought to signify the arrival of maturity, Lill acquired that distinction as a pianist some time ago.

From the Beethoven repertory he has so much made his own over the years, he chose to play the "Waldstein" Sonata (Op 53). The fleet-fingered passagework of the first movement may have occasionally verged on glibness, but the 29 bars of the middle movement were intensely concentrated to lead directly into a finale where the disparate elements were drawn together with magisterial poise before being liberated in a glittering coda.

Beethoven followed an opening Mozart Sonata (K576 in D), where Lill favoured a broad, rather deliberate approach rather than period prettiness, and made it serve to remind us that modern piano sonority can work to Mozart's advantage no less than it did to an engaging account of Schumann's *Kinderszenen* later in the programme. The 12 little character pieces, with their postlude, were played as if they could have been memories of the pianist's own childhood, with a precious and quite fragile sense of all that the music was illustrating.

The programme ended with Rachmaninov's B flat minor Sonata (No 2), for which the pianist reverted to the more virtuoso original version in preference to the composer's later revision. It meant that we were treated to piano playing at its most vibrantly romantic, encompassing the full range of the keyboard with expressive ardour, indulging a plangent melancholy in the slow movement that was poetic but never depressing, and achieving a finely judged shading of the finale's softer passages amid the surrounding turbulence.

After such pianistic splendour, any encore would have seemed trivial, and Lill wisely refrained from adding one.

NOEL GOODWIN

Sunshine singing

Joyful Company of Singers
St Giles, Cripplegate

THE Joyful Company of Singers are unnecessarily modest. The programme for their concert of Spanish and Spanish-influenced choral music not only made no mention of it being part of the Spanish Arts Festival, but failed to name the conductor.

Peter Broadbent (fortunately, a press release had told me it was he) divided the evening between conducting and quipping his way through the introductions to each piece which took the place of programme notes in a typed sheet abounding in errors. But it would be a pity if this were to give the impression that the concert functioned at anything less than a professional level.

The Joyful Company is a good, solid mixed choir of as many as 30, with not a male alto in sight. They sing renaissance music with a direct, full-hearted and full-throated sense of, well, joy, which would doubtless make specialists like Peter Phillips and his ilk cringe.

Yet, in three motets by Victoria and three by his Avila contemporary, Vivanco, which began and ended the evening, every line was clear and supple, the balance just, the phrasing live. This was music breathing from the lungs, and bright with the rich, full vocal colours it deserved.

In between came a clutch of complementary contemporary works, beginning with the UK premiere of the *Missa Brevis* "*Pro Pace*" by Javier whose music plays Basque folk melodies and harmonies against familiar fingerprints of 1970s choral experimentation.

At the concert's centre came Geoffrey Burgon's *Noche Oscura*, a delicately written setting of St John of the Cross which creates a sense of murmuring particles of words, brief oscillating rhythms and soprano whoops of ecstasy. Then came Jonathan Harvey's response to the same Spanish mystic in *Sobre un Extasie de Alta Contemplacion*. This "chant and transcendental sequence" allows words to resonate through two shifting chords which separate, then intermingle as the work reaches its ecstatic climax.

HILARY FINCH

ROCK CONCERTS

The new wave of old raves

"ONE Shane MacGowan," the crowd sang in terrace-style unison, "there's only one Shane MacGowan." Judging by the figure that claimed the central microphone, there were approximately 1½ MacGowans present at the Grand, SW4, on St Patrick's night. Such was the singer's new-found corpulence one card was prompted to shout, "He's eaten all the pies!"

But, despite having put on a few pounds, the hedonistically inclined singer appeared to be in remarkably robust health, seeming almost sober behind dark glasses and beneath a large black quiff. This was the first outing proper for the former Pogue and his cheekily anointed band The Popes, and it was a powerful statement of intent. Setting out their stall with a rollicking "Streams Of Whiskey", the five-piece combo (two guitars, tin whistle and rhythm section), summoned the spirit of the Clash and lashed it to a galloping Gaelic backbeat. "White Riot" as a jig, anyone?

MacGowan then led the band into the first of a dozen new compositions, including "Church Of The Holy Spook" and "Nancy Whiskey", that were simultaneously gripping and familiar in the way only fine songwriting can be.

Vocally, MacGowan has improved immeasurably, his gruff bark having taken on a mellifluous dimension. That's not to say that his enunciation was as Waterford crystal: heated debates were taking place in the circle as to whether a new number was called "Don't Slander Me", "Don't Smother Me" or, rather more controversially, "Don't Slash On Me".

Inevitably the moist and celebratory crowd wanted to hear some old material and this was provided in the reassuring shape of a deeply dignified "If I Should Fall From Grace With God", the nostalgic rumble of "Sally MacLennane" and Ewan MacColl's misty-eyed and horny-handed "Dirty Old Town". Then MacGowan went retro supernova by exhuming "King Of The Bop", last heard in 1978 when he was Shane O'Hooligan and fronted a punk band called the Nipple Erectors.

As MacGowan wound up with a sprightly reading of "The Irish Rover", it struck the assembled company that this had been more than an exercise in placating the knockers and ambulance-chasers keen to write him off as another alkie burnout: this was an inspired performance by a true, albeit light-heavyweight, contender.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

THERE are no settled career structures for rock performers, but there are some established routes to success. Senser, a six-piece from south London, are well along one of them. Dogged touring, together with impressive performances at last year's big festivals, secured a solid following and pop press support. ("Senser will be massive": *NME*). Three singles have entered to the buzz of anticipation, with the current one, "Switch", nudging into the national charts. This just leaves the debut album, released next month, to secure Senser promotion to the premier league.

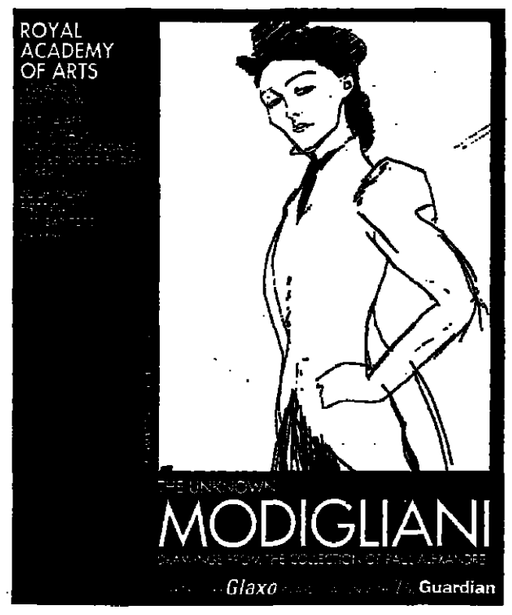
So it was a good moment to catch them live at the Waterfront in Norwich. They occupy the stage with a cheery commitment, shaking up a novel cocktail of influences. The rap of Heitham Al-Sayed contrasts with the echoing, Middle-Eastern chants and flute of Kerstin Haigh. The rest of the band dollop out riffs that mix the scratching of hip hop with the strangled guitar of thrash metal ("States of Mind"), or slide into a dub reggae woven with sweeping electronic noises ("Vegiment").

Complementing this catholic mixture is a light show that relied too heavily on strobes, but finds an interesting variant in sheets of narrow white beams that turn the audience into an animated Bridget Riley painting. The show is at its best when these effects combine with siren-like speeches and frantic rhythms, as on "Age of Panic".

Strangely, for an outfit described as Britain's best agitprop band, Senser's politics — a crusty anarchism targeted at "the system" — although much laboured in interviews, are much less apparent live. Indeed, Senser's political contribution seems to lie more with their attempt to subvert the notorious sexism of their musical sources.

JOHN STREET

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Brazilian's autocratic reign as president of Fifa likely to continue

Havelange in control of global game



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

That football is seen as a sport of global importance can hardly be in doubt. The front page and a leader column of *The Times* were dominated on Monday by football as the symbol of peace in Sarajevo; almost exactly the same symbol appeared in Beirut one year ago when World Cup matches returned there in the silence of the aftermath of civil war.

On page ten of Monday's *Times*, the European news featured two personalities, Silvio Berlusconi and Bernard Tapie, football men whose popularity has risen with their ownership of Milan and Marseilles, and who are politically active.



Blatter: support

Small wonder that this morning, in Tunis, the football people themselves begin a pursuit of what is to them real football politics, the grasping for the seat of power of the international game, the presidency of Fifa. The presidents of the five football confederations meet in Tunis on the eve of the African Nations Cup there. Some of them say, behind the cloak of anonymity, that it is time they challenged João Havelange, who has been president of Fifa for 20 years, since he ousted the English schoolmaster, Sir Stanley Rous.

Havelange knows that there are ambitious men at his back and anyone who assumes that, at 78, he has lost the infighter's guile or the will to run again for another four-year term underestimate the stubbornness of this Brazilian.

Run might sound a subjective term, given that Havelange began slowing down from his peripatetic, jet-setting leadership some time ago, and will be an octogenarian midway through his sixth term of presidency if, at the Fifa congress in June, he achieves re-election. There have been times when I objected to Havelange for his leadership of the sport, times when he seemed to me no more than a travelling salesman for Coca-Cola, which funded most of his grandiose plans and helped to bottle his presidency-winning votes among Third World nations.

Yet, now that he grows distant and has all the appearance of a Ronald Reagan figurehead, seemingly being told where to stand and what to say, we underestimate him at our peril. It was Havelange, after all, who barred Pelé from the stage of the World Cup draw in Las Vegas before Christmas.

He did that out of spite, because Pelé had accused Havelange's son-in-law, Ricardo Terra Teixeira, of fraud. Teixeira is president, in Havelange's footsteps, of the Brazilian sports confederation, and even Fifa insiders fear that the old overlord intends a dynasty, ultimately hanging on to power until his son-in-law replaces him.

The arguments between Brazilians go on. Teixeira is suing Pelé and the High Court has ordered an official investigation into the affairs of Teixeira's football committee. Meanwhile, why should anybody believe that the minions of Fifa who failed to stand up to Havelange's autocratic ban on Pelé in December will now have the courage to insist on his retirement?

Havelange treats them all with disdain. In Las Vegas he consulted no one while swatting Pelé aside. In Tunis he will arrive tomorrow, a full day after the five heads of the continental federations. By then they will have met and some of them, if true to their private boasts, will have decided who will tell the old man it is time to go.

ALLSPORT



Havelange, 78, is likely to run for a sixth term as president of Fifa in June

There are names bandied around: Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, the European governing body, scarcely hides that he will stand against Havelange if that is Uefa's wish. But under Johansson's presidency, Uefa has made a mess of its own major competition, the European Cup, having sold it for many pieces of television silver and sold the soul of a knockout competition for a boring, money-spinning mini league.

This was an acquiescence to the threats by Berlusconi and company, who they were not willing to put their clubs into the true David versus Goliath knockout structure that had served the competition for almost four decades. But if Johansson could not stand up to European clubs, why would his rule appeal to Africa, Asia or South America?

A second ambitious European, Antonio Matarrese, is eager to stand, and yet a third, Sepp Blatter, is being urged to stand from within.

Blatter, the general secretary and chief executive of Fifa, has said that it would take a revolution in Fifa thinking if a paid executive were to be allowed to pursue the glory of presidential office. He, in any case, has in many eyes, exceeded his brief with some of the rule changes he has made on the field, but cannot totally disguise his sensitivity to criticisms of some of Havelange's recent illogical mutterings.

Blatter knows the secrets of football administration. He is indispensable as an organiser and arguably the most indefatigable and incorruptible secretary Fifa, in these days of high finance, will find. One more alternative is Issa Hayatou, president of the African confederation. Possibly a future figurehead, he is young, upwardly mobile, like his continent, and progressive, and might after the turn of the century provide a viable working partnership with Peter Velappan, general secretary of the Asian confederation, to carry international football across barriers even today's politicians could not foresee.

> 'It was Havelange who barred Pelé from the stage of the World Cup draw in Las Vegas'

Until then, insiders of Fifa wager Havelange will not be talked down by anyone. There is not the courage, the eloquence, or the experience to oppose him. He will stand until he falls and this week's politicking in Tunis will come to nothing. A tough, embattled and ageing Brazilian he may be, but nobody has yet emerged to push him off the seat.

"In the sport's political race," Blatter said. "I am mute now." Aren't they all?

Japanese joy as silky Sato edges into lead

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN
IN CHIBA, JAPAN

FOR the second successive day at the world skating championships here, the faces of the Japanese packing the Makuhari Arena broke into uncontrolled joy. On Sunday, they had hero worshipped two men, Philippe Candeloro, of France, and Aleksei Urmanov, of Russia; yesterday, it was the turn of a woman, Yuka Sato, a Japanese.

Sato blossomed at last before a home audience, elegantly winning her qualifying group from Surya Bonaly, of France. The other pool saw Josee Chouinard, of Canada, as victor, ahead of the injured Chinese, Lu Chen, but Sato's group was the tougher.

The qualifying round was to remove 18 of the 42 women competitors before the contest proper begins on Friday but it was still a full dress rehearsal. On this showing, Sato, Bonaly and Chouinard will share the medals unless Lu can blank out her pain.

Sato, 21, was world junior champion in 1990. She is fortunate in that her parents and trainers, Nobuo and Kumiko Sato, were Olympic competitors. She has been having additional coaching this season from the noted Canadian, Peter Dunfield.

Their good work is evident. Wanting to impress her countrymen and women, Sato held nothing back with the triple jumps she can do safely — lutz, toe loop, loop and salchow. Her first attempt at the loop sent her off balance so, as is the Japanese custom of only the best will suffice, she went at it again and, this time, succeeded.

Bonaly, the four-time champion of Europe but never higher than fifth in the world, was at her best and, like Sato, repeated correctly the one jump that failed her, the lutz. But Sato's softer stroking and ice posture probably led to the judges' decision of 5-2.

Charlene von Saher, of Britain, scraped through after offering all her jumps at low-level effort and going over on the final salchow.

Pakistan inspired to victory by skills of captain

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN
IN LAHORE

AUSTRALIA'S chances of retaining the Champions' Trophy hung by a slender thread after their 2-0 defeat by Pakistan before a crowd of 50,000 at the National Hockey Stadium here yesterday.

Pakistan made sure of their place in Friday's final — they have not won the trophy since 1980 — and the team most likely to join them there is Germany, who need only a point from their two remaining matches, against Holland today and Pakistan tomorrow.

Shahbaz Ahmed, their captain, inspired Pakistan's success with his speed and clever distribution. He scored the first goal with a well-placed shot that landed inside the far post in the 31st minute.

Australia's attacks were frequently repelled by the swift-tackling Pakistan defenders before Corbitt, arriving as a substitute midway through the second half, helped the holders to raise their game.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Pakistan	4	4	0	0	11	3	8
Germany	3	3	0	0	6	3	6
Australia	4	2	2	0	9	10	4
Holland	3	0	2	1	7	9	1
Spain	3	0	2	1	7	10	1
Britain	3	0	3	0	5	10	0

Pakistan, however, continued to put pressure on the Australian rearguard and from a scramble which followed a short corner they obtained the second goal in the 49th minute. A shot by Kamran was saved and Tahir Zaman scored on the follow-up.

A late goal from a short corner by Corbitt was disallowed because the shot was ruled too high. Only minutes earlier, he had a shot cleared off the line by a defender.

The Australian coach, Frank Murray, said afterwards: "We had plenty of opportunities to score but blew up. I guess the boys were a bit tired following the game against Great Britain. But we can hold our heads high."

ATHLETICS

ROAD RACES: Winners: Reebok half-marathon: Men: M Gormley (Chelmsford) 1hr 6min 31sec. Women: T Dyer (Peterborough) 1:14:05. Finchley Open (20m): Men: J Amandio (Por) 1:50:55. Women: L Watson (London Olympiades) 2:11:31. Herne Hill Open (10km): Men: H Haaven (Est) 30:55. Women: T Ball (London Olympiades) 37.38.

BADMINTON

SOUTHAMPTON: Men's international, England v Malaysia (Malaysia names first): F Keong bt C Haughton 15-7, 15-8; C Kit and S Kiang bt N Ponting and J Robertson 15-7, 15-9; R Sidek bt A Nielsen 15-6, 11-15, 15-7.

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Miami	37	27	.578	8
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Boston	22	42	.344	23
Philadelphia	21	44	.323	24½
Washington	19	46	.292	26½

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	19	.703	-
Chicago	43	22	.662	2½
Cleveland	36	29	.554	9½
Indiana	34	29	.540	10½
Charlotte	28	35	.444	16½
Milwaukee	18	46	.281	27
Detroit	18	47	.277	27½

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	W	L	Pct	GB
* Houston	45	17	.726	-
* S Antonio	46	19	.708	½
Utah	43	23	.652	4
Denver	32	32	.500	14
Minnesota	18	47	.277	28½
Dallas	8	57	.123	38½

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
* Seattle	47	17	.734	-
Phoenix	42	22	.656	5
Portland	39	27	.591	9
Golden State	37	27	.578	10
LA Lakers	25	37	.403	21
LA Clippers	24	39	.381	22½
Sacramento	23	42	.354	24½

* clinched play-off spot

BIATHLON

CANMORE, Alberta: World Cup biathlon: 30k relay: Winners: Men: Russia 1hr 16min 6.6sec. Women: Germany 1:31:53.3.

BOWLS

BLACKPOOL: British women's indoor championships: Semi-finals: Singles: J Davies (Ogwr, Wales) bt J Roylance (North Walsham, Eng) 21-15, J Woodley (West of Scotland) bt E Bell (Belfast, N Ire) 21-15. Pairs: Scotland (J Forrest and J Foster, Teviotdale) bt Ireland (C McKernon and A Doggart, Belfast) 18-17; England (A Emidge and M Price, Desborough, Maidenhead) bt Wales (J Davies and B Morgan, Radnorshire) 30-16. Triples: Scotland (H Mackay, P Clarke and M Naismith, Garioch) bt Ireland (N Montgomery, A Elliott and J Mulholland, Ballymoney) 13-11; Wales (S Proctor, M Jones and M Pomeroy, Cardiff) bt England (L Dabbs, D Farman and J Hellyer, Angel, Tonbridge) 27-8. Fours: Ireland (M Wilkinson, G Law, O Paisley and B Cameron, Co Antrim) bt England (D Ferguson, L Parker, J Coulson and H Walker, York) 21-20; Scotland (J McCreath, A Gilmour, D Jeffrey and E Smith, Galleon, Kilmarnock) bt Wales (E Nercup, R Parry, M Hancock and J Ellis, Frith) 29-8.
OGWR: Welsh team championship: Final: Porthkerry bt Oxwich 82-64.

FOOTBALL

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Quarter-finals: Derry City 1 St Patrick's 0; Home Farm 1 Bohemians 1; Limerick 2 Monaghan Utd 1.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Ituano 0 São Paulo 1; Corinthians 1 Portuguesa 0; Rio Branco 1 Palmeiras 2; Ponte Preta 2 São João União 0; Mogi Mirim 1 Santo Andre 0; Ferroviaria 3 Novorizontino 1; America 1 Guarani 0; Bragantino 1 Santos 1. Rio de Janeiro: First stage: Flamengo 1 Botafogo 1; Madureira 3 Campo Grande 0; Volta Redonda 2 Olaria 1; Itaperuna 2 America 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 2 Celta Vigo 1; Valencia 1 Sporting Gijón 0; Rayo Vallecano 2 Sevilla 1; Lleida 1 Real Sociedad 0; Atlético Madrid 0 Real Zaragoza 4; Real Oviedo 1 Osasuna 0; Deportivo La Coruña 0 Real Valladolid 0; Logroñés 3 Real Madrid 4, Tenerife 2 Albacete 1.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayern Munich 0 Borussia Dortmund 0.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Willem II 2 Feyenoord 1; Sparta Rotterdam 4 Cambuur Leeuwarden 0; Vitesse Arnhem 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 3; PSV Eindhoven 1 FC Utrecht 0; FC Groningen 1 RKC Waalwijk 2; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0 FC Volendam 1; MVV Maastricht 0 VVV Venlo 0; SC Heerenveen 1 NAC Breda 3.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Gimnasia y Esgrima 1 Boca Juniors 1; Velez 1 Banfield 1; Lanus 2 San Lorenzo 0; River Plate 1 Argentinos Juniors 1; Ferro Carril Oeste 1 Deportivo Español 1. River Plate win championship.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Glentoran 0; Cliftonville 0 Ballymena 2; Coleraine 3 Ballyclare 2; Distillery 0 Larne 1; Linfield 0 Glenavon 0; Newry 1 Bangor 2; Omagh Town 0 Crusaders 1; Portadown 6 Carrick 1.
FRENCH CUP: Third round: Laval 1 Montpellier 2; Lens 3 Charleville 1; Guingamp 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1; Sete 1 Auxerre 4; AS Monaco 0 Marseilles 0 (Marseilles win 4-3 on pens).

HOCKEY

LAHORE, Pakistan: Champions' Trophy: Pakistan 2 Australia 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Merchant Taylors' 1 Mill Hill 0; St George's Weybridge 2 King Edward's Southampton 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington 3 Tampa Bay 0; Calgary 6 Toronto 3; Buffalo 6 Ottawa 2; St Louis 4 Chicago 3; San Jose 6 Los Angeles 6; Florida 5 Philadelphia 3; Pittsburgh 2 New York Islanders 1, Edmonton 5 Quebec 3; Dallas 2 Vancouver 1.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
* NY Rangers	44	22	6	94	256	200
New Jersey	41	21	10	92	265	192
Washington	33	31	8	74	231	223
Florida	31	29	11	73	200	197
NY Islanders	30	33	9	69	245	231
Philadelphia	31	34	7	69	258	272
Tampa Bay	25	38	10	60	194	224

Northeast division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	38	22	12	88	251	204
Pittsburgh	38	23	12	88	265	251
Boston	36	24	12	84	246	211
Buffalo	37	27	9	83	244	193
Quebec	29	36	7	65	235	244
Hartford	24	41	8	56	196	244
Ottawa	11	54	8	30	170	345

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
* Toronto	39	23	11	89	241	209
* Detroit	41	25	5	87	305	239
* Dallas	37	25	10	84	244	222
Chicago	35	30	8	78	223	203
St Louis	34	28	9	77	225	238
Winnipeg	21	44	8	50	218	297

Pacific division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	36	27	11	83	265	231
Vancouver	35	34	3	73	244	235
San Jose	25	33	14	64	204	233
Anaheim	27	40	5	59	198	221
Los Angeles	24	37	11	59	258	278
Edmonton	20	41	12	52	228	269

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ICE SKATING

CHIBA, Japan: World figure skating championships: Women: Qualifying round: Group A: 1 Y Sato (Japan) 1.0 mark; 2, S Bonaly (Fr) 2.0; 3, T Szewczenko (Ger) 3.0. Also qualified: 11, C von Saher (GB) 11.0. Group B: 1, J Chouinard (Can) 1.0; 2, Chen Lu (China) 2.0; 3, M Kielmann (Ger) 3.0.

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: Schoolgirls' national championship: Semi-finals: Berkhamsted 4 Wycombe Abbey 2, Haberdasher's Aske's 2 Downe House, Newbury 0. Final: Haberdasher's 1 Berkhamsted 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGE RACES: Winners: Buytline stages (Essex): J McKerrell (Metro 6R4) 82min. Red Dragon rally (South Wales): J Walsh (Escort) 3:26. Bournemouth stages (Hampshire): T Hain (Escord Cosworth) 78:13.

NORDIC SKIING

WORLD CUP: Cross-country: Men: Nordic combined: Final World Cup standings: 1, K Ogiwara (Japan) 1,135 pts; 2, T Kono (Japan) 901; 3, F Boerre Lundberg (Nor) 840; 4, B Engen Vik (Nor) 815, 5, K Tore Apeland (Nor) 720; 6, T Einar Elden (Nor) 713. Women: Final standings: 1, M Di Centa (It) 790pts; 2, L Egorova (Russ) 740; 3, E Vaelbe (Russ) 570; 4, S Belmondo (It) 481; 5, L Lazhutina (Russ) 458; 6, S Nageikina (Russ) 368.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: George Wimpey British amateur championship. Semi-finals: J Snow beat M Howard 6-0, 6-1, 6-2. N Pendrigh beat I Snell 6-2, 6-0, 6-3. Final: Snow beat Pendrigh 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
CAMBRIDGE. British Amateur over-40 doubles championship: Semi-finals: J Ward and M McMurrugh bt J Daley and R Christmas 6-1, 6-0; D Colquhoun and P Raby bt P Nix and A Scratchley 6-2, 6-1. Final: Ward and McMurrugh beat Colquhoun and Raby 6-2, 6-5.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Rifle teams of ten: Aggregate: 1, London and Middlesex 3,845 (B Cudby 395.41); 2, Ireland 3,796.303 (Miller 394.43).

RUGBY UNION

COUNTY CUPS: Finals: Berks, Dorset and Wilts: Sherborne 11 Salisbury 8 (aet). Buckinghamshire: High Wycombe 16 Aylesbury 11. Hertfordshire: Old Albanians 13 Tabbard 34. North Midlands: Camp Hill 17 Worcester 11. Oxfordshire: Henley 13 Banbury 12. Staffordshire: Walsall 24 Stoke on Trent 6. Surrey: Esher 9 Sutton and Epsom 3.
ROSSLYN PARK SCHOOL SEVENS: First round: Barnard Cas 31 St Augustines 7; Stamford 56 Rutlish 0; Whitgift 49 Brighton 0; King Edward's Bath 0 KCS Wimbledon 20; International School Geneva 5 St Pauls 29; Blundells 28 Mill Hill 0, Oakham 7 Berkhamsted 21; Taunton 10 St Dunstans 14; Dauntseys 40 Langley Park 0; Sir Jo Willam 12 Pangbourne 17; Bedford Modern 7 London Oratory 21; Downside 0 Kent College 26; Ellesmere 0 Sevenoaks 35; Grenville 14 Cranleigh 36; GOFFS 0 Wycliffe 45; Hitchin Boys 10 Churchers 7; Kings Cntby 38 Bristol GS 0; Greshams 29 St Edwards OX 5; Cheltenham 17 Windsor 26; Seaford 21 Eton 5; WM Hulmes 0 DO Yorks 21; Worth 7 Sherborne 24; Christ Brec 28 Eastbourne 0; Rugby WO Beerwood; Radley 0 Kings Taunton 38; Beerwood 12 West Buckland 21; Christs Hosp 21 Shebbear 15; St Johns Lhd 47 Colfes 0; Austin Friar 21 Lancing 7; Tonbridge 14 Plymouth 7; Bloxham 28 Queens Taunton 12; Colstons 17 Caterham 21; Halliford 0 Truro 35; Haberdasher 0 Monmouth 47; Trent 40 Lord Wandsworth 0; Bryanston 26 Dover 12; Haileybury 26 Malvern 0; Devenant Fnd 28 Monkton Combe 14; Portsmouth 10 Kings Worcester 19; Hurstpierpnt 42 Wellington Sch 0; BETHS 0 Kingwood 26; Skinners 33 Hereford CS 7. Second round: Worth 7 Barnard Cas 21; Christs Brecon 38 Stamford 14; Rugby 26 Whitgift 19; Radley 10 King Edwards Bath 19; Beerwood 12 In Sch Geneva 12; Christs Hosp 0 Blundells 26; St Johns L/H 14 Oakham 19; Austin Friar 28 Taunton 5; Tonbridge 12 Dauntseys 19; Bloxham 24 St Jos Willm 14; Colstons 45 Bedford Modern 5; Halliford 7 Downside 57; Haberdashers 14 Ellesmere 24; Trent 43 Grenville 7; Bryanston 49 GOFFS 7; Haileybury 25 Hitchin Boys 10; Devenant Fnd 5 Kings Cantbry 24; Portsmouth 5 Greshams 35; Hurstpierpnt 24 Cheltenham 0; BETHS 12 Seaford 33; Skinners 33 WM Hulmes 0; Epsom 49 St Augustines 0; Kings Bruton 54 Rutlish 0; Prior Park 40 Brighton 0; Bedford Sch 7 KCS Wimbledon 15, Feltham Blacksheep 7 St Pauls 26; Culford 14 Mill Hill 27; Kelley 42 Berkhamsted 0; St Davids 17 St Dunstans 0; Dulwich 40 Langley Park 0; St Bees 19 Pangbourne 12; Ivybridge 0 London Oratory 21; Rannoch 17 Kent College 7; Douai 12 Sevenoaks 21; Clayesmore 26 Cranleigh 19; Stowe 7 Wycliffe 21; Ryde 21 Churches 5; Abingdon 7 Bristol GS 17; Bromsgrove 12 St Edwards OXF 17; Ipswich 0 Windsor 19; Loughborough 33 Eton 0; Wellington Coll 21 Duke of York's 7. Third round: Sherborne 52 St Augustines 0; Eastbourne 59 Rutlish 0; Kings Ely 19 Brighton 19; Barnard Castle 7 Epsom 49; Stamford 12 Kings Bruton 7; Whitgift 0 Prior Park 28; Kings Taunton 33 KCS Wimbledon 0; West Buckland 5 St Pauls 31; Shebbear 19 Mill Hill 14; K Edw Bath 24 Bedford 14; In Sc Geneva 0 Felt Blacksheep 21; Blundells 24 Culford 0; Colfes 19 Berkhamsted 40; Lancing 28 St Dunstans 17; Plymouth 40 Langley Park 0' Oakham 7 Kelley 28; Taunton 0 St Davids 28; Dauntseys 17 Dulwich 12; Queens Taunton 12 Pangbourne 19; Caterham 5 Oratory 28; Truro 7 Kent Coll 26; Sir Jos Wilm 7 St Bees 26; Bedford Modn 5 Ivybridge 22; Downside 14 Rannoch 10; Monmouth 57 Sevenoaks 0; Lord Wandswth 24 Cranleigh 14; Dover 14 Wycliffe 14; Ellesmere 0 Douai 47; Grenville 0 Clayesmore 33; Goffs 19 Stowe 12; Malvern 26 Churchers 12; Monkton Combe 7 Bristol GS 19; Kings Worcester 36 St Edwards Oxf 7; Hitchin Boys 10 Ryde 26; Kings Cantby 31 Abingdon 7; Greshams 0 Bromsgrove 17; Wellington 15 Windsor 21; Kingswood 17 Eton 26; Hereford CS 17 Duke of York 26; Cheltenham 5 Ipswich 5; Seaford 10 Loughborough 12; Wm Hulmes 0 Wellington Coll 42.

Fourth round: Barnard Castle 7 Sherborne 47; Stamford 40 Eastbourne 0; Whitgift 12 Beerwood 29; Worth 5 Epsom 42; Christ Brecon 26 Kings Bruton 7; Rugby 0 Prior Park 19; K Edw Bath 0 Kings Taunton 49; Inc SC Geneva 12 West Buckland 17; Blundells 10 Shebbear 0; Radley 5 Bedford 10; Beerwood 0 Felt Blacksheep 19; Christs Hosp 36 Culford 10; Oakham 42 Colfes 5; Taunton 20 Lancing 0; Dauntseys 28 Plymouth 12; St Johns Lhd 14 Kelly 28; Austin Friar 14 St Davids 33; Tonbridge 26 Dulwich 7; Sir Jos Wil 14 Queens Taunton 21; Bedf Modern 21 Caterham 21; Downside 0 Truro 52; Bloxham 12 St Bees 17; Colstons 12 Ivbridge 13; Halliford 0 Rannoch 70; Ellemsere 5 Monmouth 56; Grenville 12 Lord Wandswth 27; Goffs 0 Dover 42; Haberdahser 5 Douai 33; Trent 7 Clayesmore 20; Bryanston 47 Stowe 0; Hitchin Boys 7 Malvern 28; Kings Cantby 26 Monkton Combe 7; Greshams 12 Kings Worc 33; Haileybury 35 Ryde 7; Devenant Fnd 19 Abingdon 12; Portsmouth 14 Bromsgrove 10; Cheltenham 47 Wellington 5; Seaford 29 Kingswood 0; Wm Hulmes 7 Hereford CS 43; Hurstpierpnt 5 Ipswich 24; BETHS 0 Loughborough 47; Skinners 21 Wellington 14. Fifth round: St Augustines 7 Worth 33; Rutlish 7 Christs Brecon 36; Brighton 12 Rugby 19; Epsom 14 Sherborne 40; Kings Bruton 26 Eastburne 7; Prior Park 12 Beerwood 21; KCS Wimbledon 29 Radley 7; St Pauls 50 Kings Ely 0, Mill Hill 5 Christs Hosp 40; Bedford 0 Kings Taunton 49; Felt Blacksheep 0 West Buckland 33; Culford 0 Shebbear 25; Berkhamstead 19 St Johns Lhd 7; St Dunstans 7 Austin Frier 42; Langley Park 0 Tonbridge 45; Kelley 33 Colfes 0; St Davids 15 Lancing 12; Dulwich 26 Plymouth 19; Pangborne 22 Bloxham 10; Oratory 0 Colstons 28; Kent Coll 61 Halliford 0; St Bees 47 Queens Taunton 0; Ivybridge 14 Caterham 12; Rannoch 19 Truro 19; Sevenoaks 31 Haberdashers 12; Cranleigh 26 Trent 0; Wycliffe 10 Bryanston 28; Douai 0 Monmouth 31; Clayesmore 14 Lord Wandswth 14; Stowe 14 Dover 14; Churchers 5 Haileybury 33; Bristol GS 33 Devenant Fnd 14; St Edw Oxfrd 17 Portsmouth 14; Ryde 0 Malvern 29; Abingdon 7 Monkton Combe 21, Bromsgrove 10 Kings Worc 12; Windsor 19 Hurstpierpoint 21; Eton 35 BETHS 14; D Of Yorks 7 Skinners 38; Ipswich 12 Wellington Sch 17; Loughborough 31 Kingswood 0; Wellington Col 50 Hereford CS 5. Group winners play-offs: Sherborne 26 Christs Brecon 26; Kelley 40 St Davids 5; Kings Worc 19 Hurstpierpoint 7; Prior Park 19 Kings Taunton 24; Haileybury 7 Kings Cantbry 31.

SQUASH

ZURICH: Grasshopper Cup: Men: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan bt Donsbach 5-4, 5-4; B Martin (Aus) bt M Toothill (SA) 2-5, 5-2, 5-1; R Eyles (Aus) bt C Wapnick (SA) 5-3, 5-0; P Marshall (Eng) bt P Kenyon (Eng) 5-0, 5-4. Semi-finals: Marshall bt Martin 5-1, 5-1; Khan (Pak) bt Eyles 5-0 5-1. Women: Final: C Jackman (Eng) bt S FitzGerald (Aus) 5-3, 5-2.

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	90	180	good	spring	slushy	cloud	3	13/3
	Generally good skiing still to be found							
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	40	110	good	varied	slush	fair	4	20/3
	Good spring skiing, specially on upper slopes							
St Anton	30	350	good	varied	fair	fine	3	20/3
	Generally very good skiing conditions							
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	110	300	fair	varied	fair	fine	-2	12/3
	Good spring skiing on hard base							
Chamonix	10	370	icy	varied	poor	cloud	5	17/3
	Hard snow persisting until mid-day							
Val Thorens	80	250	fair	varied	slushy	fine	-2	18/3
	Mixed conditions with slush on south slopes							
ITALY								
C'mayeur	40	135	fair	varied	closed	sun	7	3/3
	Good skiing available on many runs above 1700m							
Madesimo	70	460	good	spring	fair	sun	-1	1/3
	Generally good skiing, though some afternoon slush							
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	15	160	fair	varied	closed	fine	8	20/3
	Pistes good early on, but then progressively heavier							
Klosters	15	180	good	varied	fair	cloud	8	20/3
	Good skiing on upper slopes with spring snow							
Verbier	10	280	fair	varied	poor	cloud	8	20/3
	Plenty of good spring skiing							
Villars	5	140	slush	spring	closed	cloud	9	17/3
	Pistes becoming slushy again with mild weather							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday March 26 unless stated

COCA-COLA CUP FINAL
Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Manchester United (Wembley, Sunday)

FA PREMIERSHIP
X Arsenal v Liverpool
1 Chelsea v West Ham
2 Coventry v Norwich
1 Oldham v Man City
1 Sheff Utd v South'pton
2 Wimbledon v Leeds
Not on coupons: Blackburn v Swindon; Everton v Tottenham; Ipswich v Queens Park Rangers

FIRST DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Luton
2 Birm'gham v Middlesbro
1 Bolton v Bristol C
X Charlton v Wolves
1 Grimsby v Oxford
2 Notts Co v Leicester
1 Peterboro v Sunderland
X Stoke v C Palace
2 Watford v Millwall
1 West Brom v Derby
Not on coupons: Portsmouth v Nottingham Forest; Tranmere v Southend (Friday)

SECOND DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Rotherham
1 Bradford v Hull
1 Brentford v Cambridge
1 Bristol R v Barnet
2 Cardiff v York
X Exeter v Brighton
2 Hartlepool v Burnley
2 Hudd'field v Plymouth
1 Leyton O v Fulham
1 Reading v Swansea
1 Stockport v Bourn'm'th
X Wrexham v Port Vale

THIRD DIVISION
1 Chester v Wigan
2 Colchester v Preston
2 Darlington v North'pton
1 Gillingham v Carlisle
2 Hereford v Walsall
X Lincoln v Crewe
X Mansfield v Bury
1 Rochdale v Doncaster
X Scarboro v Scunthorpe
X Torquay v Shrewsbury
1 Wycombe v Chest'field

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION
1 Hednesford v Waterl'ville
1 Sittingb'rne v Dorchester
X Solihull v Gloucester
1 Trowbridge v Moor Green

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Dundee Utd
1 Celtic v Motherwell
1 Dundee v Kilmarnock
2 Hearts v Rangers
X Partick v Hibernian
X St Johnstone v Raith

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v St Mirren
1 Ayr v Clydebank
2 Dumbarton v Stirling
1 Dunf'mline v Falkirk
1 Hamilton v Brechin
X Morton v Clyde

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Stranraer
2 Arbroath v Meadowb'k
1 Cowdenb'th v Berwick
Not on coupons: East Fife v East Stirling; Queen of the South v Montrose; Queen's Park v Forfar; Stenhousemuir v Albion

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Arsenal, Stoke, Exeter, Wrexham, Lincoln, Mansfield, Scarborough, Torquay, Solihull, Partick, St Johnstone, Morton.
BEST DRAWS: Stoke, Wrexham, Mansfield, Scarborough, Partick.
AWAYS: Norwich, Burnley, Plymouth, Preston, Northampton.
HOMES: Sheffield United, Bolton, Grimsby, West Bromwich, Blackpool, Bristol Rovers, Chester, Rochdale, Sittingbourne, Trowbridge, Airdrie, Hamilton.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Bolton, Blackpool, Chester, Trowbridge, Airdrie. Aways: Burnley, Plymouth, Preston. Draws: Mansfield, Scarborough, Partick.

Vince Wright

7.30 kick-off unless stated

FOOTBALL

Under-21 international
Northern Ireland v Romania (8.0)

FA Carling Premiership
Arsenal v Manchester Utd (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Millwall v Peterborough (7.45)
Second division
Barnet v Exeter (7.45)
Hartlepool v Cardiff
Wrexham v Bristol Rovers
York v Bournemouth
Third division
Wigan v Doncaster

Autoglass Trophy
Area finals, second leg
Carlisle (1) v Huddersfield (4) (7.45) (all ticket)
Wycombe (1) v Swansea (3) (7.45)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bromsgrove v Dag and Red
Dover v Kettering
Merthyr v Woking
Southport v Macclesfield
Stalybridge v Telford
Yeovil v Stafford

Scottish League
Premier division
Partick v St Johnstone
First division
Clydebank v Airdrie
Second division
Cowdenbeath v Montrose

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton Utd v Harrow. First division: Heybridge Swifts v Barking; Walton and Hersham v Windsor and Eton; Wembley v Berkhamsted Town; Worthing v Staines Town. Second division: Barton Rovers v Malden Vale; Hampton v Aldershot Town; Hemel Hempstead v Witham. Third division: Cove v Northwood; East Thurrock Utd v Hornchurch; Epsom and Ewell v Harlow Town; Kingsbury Town v Clapton; Leighton Town v Bracknell Town; Southall v Hertford Town.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Chorley; Droylsden v Fleetwood. First division: Mossley v Ashton Utd; Radcliffe Borough v Spennymoor Utd.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Hastings; Cheltenham v Sittingbourne (7.45); Crawley Town v Trowbridge; Halesowen v Solihull (7.45); Nuneaton v Gloucester; Waterlooville v Worcester (7.45). Midland division: Leicester Utd v Evesham Utd; Redditch Utd v Stourbridge; Tamworth v Sutton Coldfield Town. Southern division: Dunstable v Havant Town; Fisher 93 v Sudbury Town; Margate v Gravesend and Northfleet; Poole Town v Tonbridge AFC.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Afan Lido. League Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Bangor v Caersws.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday v Everton (7.0). Second division: Manchester City v Oldham (6.45); Rotherham v Blackpool (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Ipswich (2.0); West Ham v Wimbledon (7.0)

RUGBY UNION
Heineken Welsh League
First division
Dunvant v Pontypridd (7.0)
Second division
Maesteg v Llandovery (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
Leigh v Warrington

OTHER SPORT
GOLF: Sunningdale foursomes (Sunningdale).

Answers from page 48

BABION

(a) A baboon or ape, applied in contempt to persons. Adaptation of the French *babion*, "a kind of small monkey" in Littré, who takes it as distinct from *babouin* baboon, and formed on "a radical *bab* found in *babiole*". *Cf. bauble*. It was apparently identified in English with *baboon*, and seems also to be the immediate source of LG *bavian*, Dutch *baviaan*, and German *pavian* a baboon. Ben Jonson, *Cynthia's Revenge*, 1599: "Neither your satyr, nor your hyaena, nor your babion."

ALKEDAVY

(a) The palace of a cadi or alcalde, adapted (perhaps indirectly) from the Arabic *al-qāḍawī*, ie *al* the *qāḍawī* of the Cadi or Alcalde (*sc. alqaçr* the palace). Heywood, *Maid of the West*, 1631: "Fill our Alkedavy, the great Pallace." Ditto: "Beare him hence Alcade Into our Alkedavy."

ODAM

(a) A son-in-law, from the OE *áthum* = Old Frisian *áthum*, OHG *eidum*, OHG *eid*, OE *áð* an oath: "Octiatius, Daries' odam. After theose oates he cam."

PENTSTEMON

(b) A genus of herbaceous plants of the N. O. *Scrophulariaceae*, natives of America, cultivated for their showy clustered flowers, which are usually tubular and two-lipped, and of various colours. Irregular formation from the Greek *pente* five + *stēmōn*, taken as stamen; from the rudimentary fifth stamen in addition to the four perfect ones characteristic of the order: "Pentstemons may be raised from slips struck in heat."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxg6+! fxg6 2 Bh6+! and 3 Qxg6+ mating quickly.

Learning and yearning of an undergraduate gladiator

Students at Oxford and Cambridge have never been under such academic pressure but 16 will row in the Boat Race on Saturday. John Goodbody reports on a typical day in the hectic life of Will Mason, 21, a third-year medical student and No 2 in the Cambridge boat

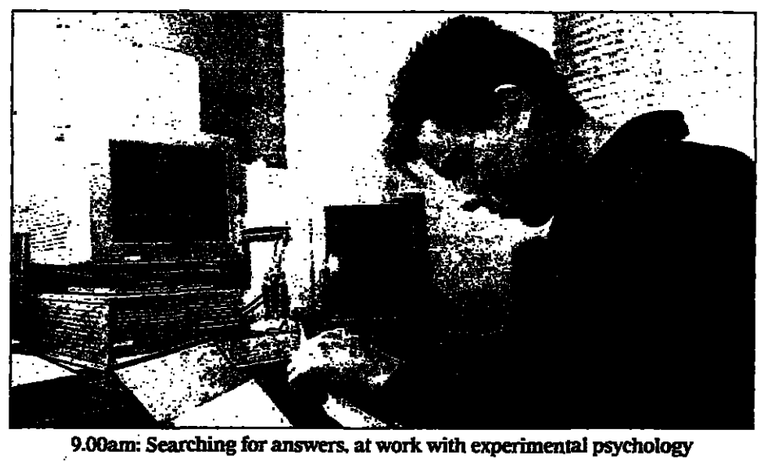


6.10am: Rise and shine, off to the university's physical education centre

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6.30am: 1hr 20min of physical torture, lying and lifting in the gymnasium



9.00am: Searching for answers, at work with experimental psychology



2.45pm: Out on the Ouse, developing a determined Boat Race rhythm

6.00am: Mason showers, changes and cycles to college to have breakfast (porridge or cereal and toast). He also carefully hangs up his kit on coathangers in his rooms. "Someone rightly protested when I started hanging them outside on radiators. You have to get time efficient. It sounds trivial but things like drying kit are important."

9.00: Mason, dressed in jeans and open-neck shirt, is seated in lab B, room 320 in the experimental psychology department. He has the wrong instruction manual for his computer. After 25 minutes, he finally finds the booklet and begins tapping away on the keyboard on his research project — switching languages in bilingual people.

10.05: With 53 other students, Mason listens to Dr Ros McCarthy lecturing on the effects on frontal lobe dysfunction. Mason says: "Only two more Cambridge lectures to go." Next term, he will be revising for his finals.

11.05: A supervision with Dr Stephen Monsell, university lecturer in experimental psychology and tutor for admissions at Pembroke College. Can intensive training affect the academic work of students? Monsell says: "It can be a problem although I have not felt Will's work has been suffering. I did not know he rowed until halfway through the year, when a television camera suddenly appeared in the lecture room."

Do tutors for admission favour sportsmen or discriminate against them? "Undergraduates are not selected on the basis of skill in sport or any other non-academic activities. Some schools still like to think the university works like it used to do: that skill in sport can make up for indifferent academic standards. If a prospective undergraduate has something additional to good A levels, then this can show his ability in time management and will serve him well here." Is sports ability therefore a plus? "It can be a plus but a careful plus."

Tony Lemons, the university director of PE, agrees. "The *raison d'etre* of Cambridge is academic excellence. However, outstanding sportsmen and women here are often fine time managers. All the evidence is that they also achieve good exam results, which are no better and no worse than any other group of undergraduates. However, this concentration on intellectual work and sport is sometimes achieved at the expense of some of the other social and cultural activities."



found to be more physically effective to have separate sessions.

12.05pm: Mason cycles back to college, does some quick shopping, eats a jumbo sandwich, drinks a pint of squash and then cycles the mile to the Goldie boathouse, where the two leading university crews gather. The "Blue boat" meets before setting out for Ely.

2.45: Mason warms up for the outing with a brisk jog. The eight then start the main session of the day under Sean Bowden, one of the coaches. The crew has seven organised outings on the water a week. The weather is dry but the wind is fierce and cold. The banks of the Ouse give little protection in the flat countryside as the crew row steadily for 85 minutes. Stops are brief. Bowden follows in another boat, guiding, encouraging, commenting. "Flat legs ... make a good solid platform ... control now ... finish together ... this is a good test for you."

On the way back, into the wind, the eight has what he terms a "hard old slog". He says: "It is one thing to row in flat water but different when it is blowing around. We are working on developing a rhythm. People are feeling the boat and learning off the boat. They're rowing better than last year." Mason concentrates on timing his arrival at the catch (when the blade enters the water) at the same time as the rest of the crew. "Sometimes it is exactly right, sometimes not."

5.35: Mason talks in the bus back to the university about the selection process. He stroked the crew to victory in 1993 but was still concerned whether he would be picked in a year when Cambridge has such a formidable squad. "You are bound to be anxious, although the Goldie crew is an integral part of the club. Not making the boat is one of the most traumatic things that you can imagine. The trick is to try to suppress the anxiety."

> **'It sounds trivial but even drying kit is important'**

6.00: Mason sees his director of studies and then has a quick dinner. When he cooks, his speciality is pasta with a tuna and tomato sauce.

7.30: Another psychology supervision with a PhD student followed by more academic work and perhaps a few moments with Emma Grogono, his girlfriend. An undergraduate at Selywn, she is vice-president of the women's boat club. Some weeks, he has to study every evening.

10.30: Time for sleep. He needs to get adequate rest for the next day's exercise. "I am not fixated by rowing but it still has attractions. I certainly do not regret the time spent on rowing here." However, when he goes to Addenbrooke's clinical school next autumn, he believes his competitive career will end. "The course is much stricter on timing of when and where you do things. It will be pastures new."

The Boat Race will be the zenith of his career. "Ever since I began rowing at Shrewsbury. I have regarded it as the ultimate team sport. An eight is as fast as its weakest person. In football or cricket, the rest can cover up for the weakest person.

"You cannot afford to think about what happened last year. To repeat a victory is just as hard as the first win and you are always remembered by your last performance, not the previous ones.

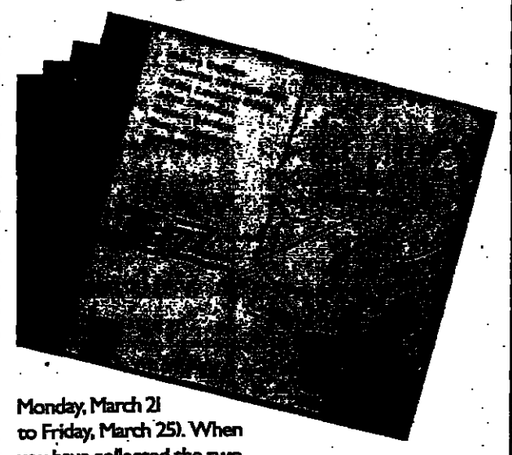
"There was a sense of elation in victory last year for some time after. You wake up knowing you have done something worthwhile. The only trouble is that you always have exams to bring you back down to the ground."

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Walk judge puts his foot down

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Marlow, Britain's longest-serving elected representative on the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), is threatening to withdraw as a chief judge at the European championships this summer unless there is a thorough investigation into last year's Stuttgart world championships race-walking farrago.

Marlow, a member of the IAAF race-walking committee for 18 years, is angry that the IAAF has refused to confirm his committee's recommended suspension of Nicola Maggio, the Italian who was in charge of judging the 20-kilometres walk in Stuttgart.

The race ended in chaos, with five men disqualified for breaking contact with the ground in the last 400 metres. Judges monitor performances and issue red discs as warnings. A third disc brings automatic disqualification.

Had all gone smoothly, those who had acquired three disqualification discs would have been removed before entering the stadium. But Maggio is said to have abandoned recognised chief-judging procedures, leaving his post outside the stadium and chasing after Daniel Garcia, of Mexico, to disqualify him.

He was therefore unable to disqualify other walkers outside the stadium and had to do so inside. The sight of the Italian waving red cards all around the stadium brought hoots of derision.

Two officials connected with the Stuttgart incident are due to report to the German federation tomorrow. They are Rolf Mueller, the chief judge's recorder, and Joachim Kruger, the 50-kilometres chief judge who recorded all disqualification cards. Their records show that Maggio issued the third card to disqualify Garcia, as a result of which Giovanni De Benedictis, an Italian, took the silver medal. However, the IAAF disputes that it was Maggio who put in the decisive third disqualifiaction card.

"What started as a simple breach of regulations is turning into a major iricident," Marlow said. "If it is a whitewash I would not judge at the European championships. It is important that the judges do not lose the confidence of the athletes." So anxious is race-walking to avoid being thrown out of the Olympics for the second time, that it has voted itself out of world indoor championships from 1997, because of the difficulties of walking within the rules on banked tracks.

Bob Bowman, chairman of the IAAF race-walking committee, notified Maggio of his suspension pending a review, but senior IAAF officials have refused to endorse it. Maggio has been appointed recently to replace Pentti Tarkkanen, a Finn, this summer at the world junior championships and is listed for the European championships. Heiner Henze, the European Athletic Association (EAA) secretary, said Maggio's position would be reviewed next month, by which time it hoped to know the IAAF's final decision.

In his letter to Maggio, Bowman said: "Violations in procedure ultimately caused the possible unfair disqualification of Daniel Garcia." Bowman lists four alleged violations and Ollan Cassell, a vice-president, has written to the IAAF supporting the walking committee. Maggio has declined to comment but said that the IAAF had asked for a written statement.

It is the second world championships in three in which an Italian has been at the centre of controversy. In 1987, Giovanni Evangelisti was awarded the long jump bronze medal after Italian officials had measured him at a longer distance than he had jumped.

De Benedictis dropped out of the 5,000 metres in the recent European indoor championships in Paris while on two red cards, fearing the ignominy of a third. Marlow was the chief judge then, but the Italian discounted persecution. "I think they are honest judges," he said.

Marlow was summoned twice to see Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, about the Stuttgart and Paris incidents.

☐ An inquest into the death of journalist-coach Cliff Temple will be held at Folkestone on April 21.

ENZA in sight of round-world record

ENZA New Zealand, the 92ft catamaran jointly skippered by Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnston, has emerged from the doldrums on course to break the 79-day record for a non-stop circumnavigation (Barry Pickthall writes).

"This is our 64th day at sea and we have 3,400 miles left to cover. That's a target average of 226 miles over the last 15 days," Knox-Johnston said. With *ENZA* having covered the first 23,600 miles averaging better than 370 miles a day, both skippers are optimistic that they will reach the finish, at Ushant, with several days to spare.

"We lost a good day-and-a-half in the doldrums, which followed us north of the Equator, but we are now barrelling along at 18 knots," Blake said. He described the southerly-running seas as being as smooth as the M5 one minute and resembling a ploughed field the next. "There are times when the conditions are severely testing the structure of the boat."

Hull failure forced the crew to pull out of the race to break the 80-day barrier last winter, and this time around, it has been *ENZA*'s central nacelle that has caused concern. "It has taken one hell of a pounding, particularly off Cape Horn when we were hit by some appalling weather," Blake said yesterday. "The boat has suffered some delamination, but we have repaired it with instant foam."

Knox-Johnston said: "So far, we have covered the equivalent of 40 Fastnet races and we still have another five-and-a-half races to go. That is an awful lot to ask of a boat without putting in for a refit."

Blake and Knox-Johnston are also looking out for *Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez*, skippered by Olivier de Kersauson, which set out from Ushant at the same time and was level pegging with them when *ENZA* crossed the Equator last week.

"It's very close. She is 370 miles behind us and still has the doldrums to go through, but is well to the west of us and could have very different winds up the Atlantic," Blake said.

Chance for Hendry to respond to setback

BY PHIL YATES

THE Benson and Hedges Irish Masters, which starts at Goffs, co Kildare, today, should provide a reliable indication of how Stephen Hendry can respond to being dislodged from the No 1 position in the provisional world rankings.

When Jimmy White briefly overtook Hendry after last year's Regal Welsh Open, the Scot produced a sustained burst of brilliance, and finished the season by retaining his Benson and Hedges Masters title, retaining the world championship and compiling a record ten century breaks in winning the International Open.

It will be particularly galling for Hendry to see Steve Davis, still his fiercest rival, back in the No 1 spot he last occupied in the spring of 1990.

As the Irish Masters is a 12-man invitation event, albeit it a lucrative one, Hendry must wait for the British Open in Plymouth next month to try to reclaim first place.

Davis, meanwhile, will be eager to repeat his success at Goffs last year. The six-times world and United Kingdom champion, winner of the Welsh Open in early February and runner-up to James Wattana in the Thailand Open ten days ago, is attempting to win the Irish Masters for the eighth time.

In first-round matches due to be played today, Ken Doherty, the local favourite, meets Alan McManus, of Scotland, and Fergal O'Brien, like Doherty a wild-card entrant, takes on Willie Thorne, of England.

Golf's iron lady plays it straight in Arizona for 27th tournament win

Davies prevails in calculated victory

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

IF PROOF were needed that Laura Davies is no longer the wild, wild woman of golf — hitting it here, there and everywhere — it came on Sunday, when she won the Standard Register Ping tournament at Moon Valley country club here with a consummately conservative, professional display.

The former British and US Open champion, plotting her way around the course like a golfing Napoleon, had three birdies and no bogeys in a round of 70 for a total of 277, 15 under par. This left her four shots clear of Elaine Crosby and Beth Daniel.

It was Davies's 27th victory worldwide — "I can remember every single one of them" — and her seventh in America, including the US Open of 1987.

SCORES

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 277: L Davies (GB) 69, 72, 66, 70. 281: E Crosby 73, 69, 66, 73. E Daniel 71, 71, 70, 69. 283: K Robbins 68, 70, 71, 74; A Ritzman 70, 72, 71, 70; H Kobayashi (Japan) 70, 70, 72, 71. 284: B Burton 71, 69, 72, 72. 285: M McGann 75, 68, 72, 70; T-J Myers 71, 72, 71, 71; D Mochrie 72, 70, 70, 73. 286: L Walters (Can) 73, 70, 71, 72; D Eggeling 72, 72, 67, 75. 287: S Maynor (GB) 72, 72, 71, 72; K Said 72, 73, 70, 72; N Lopez 75, 65, 73, 74; M McGeorge 71, 71, 71, 74; D Andrews 71, 71, 70, 75. C Schreyer 69, 70, 72, 76, C Kegg 67, 72, 72, 76; C Chilborn 68, 70, 73, 76. Other British scores: 288: T Johnson 74, 72, 69, 74; A Nicholas 73, 71, 69, 75. 290: K Marshall 73, 73, 74, 70. 292: S Struchwick 71, 72, 75, 74.

She won $105,000 — rather more than the $13,000 she received for winning the Thailand Open in January — and moved to second place on the money list with $153,055, just behind Dottie Mochrie.

"It's the best start I've had over here by a mile," Davies said. "In five events, I've had a third place, a tenth and now a first, and even though I missed the cut last week in Tucson, I played well then, too." She has no plans to change her schedule, however, and intends playing just 16 to 20 events in the US and nine or ten in Europe.

Davies took the lead on Saturday with a round of 66 that had spectators and her peers reeling in awe. She said she had never played so well twice in one week — her first round of 69 impressed her, too — and then came the masterly, controlled finale.

One shot ahead of Crosby, the president of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association, after three rounds, Davies began the last day with birdies at the third and fourth holes, stretching her lead to four shots. She used her driver off the tee at both holes, hitting it roughly 280 yards at the fourth, a par five she birdied three times for the tournament. Most of the time, however, aware that she had no need to take risks, she used her trusty two-iron off the tee — it covered about 250 yards, keeping her out of trouble and the opposition out of range.

Davies, who won the Inamori Classic in 1991 without a wood in her bag, kept a weather eye on the leaderboard — "you don't want to be surprised" — and realised that, with nobody making a run, her prime job was to keep the ball in play and make pars. "I haven't got a good history round this golf course," she said. "I've missed the cut a few times and the one year I played well here I was so sick I don't even remember it. There are holes where I remember hitting it into back gardens in the past, so there was no point hitting the driver. There are a lot of back gardens out there."

They did not trouble Davies this year as she stuck mainly to the fairways — wet from some torrential rain overnight but still rolling well — and, when necessary, holed all the crucial, par-saving putts that kept Crosby, her only potential challenger, at bay.

The president birdied the 16th to be just two shots behind, not an insurmountable margin, given the tricky breeze and two treacherous, well-watered holes to come, but she charged her birdie putt at the 17th and missed the return after Davies had holed from ten feet for her par.

"I was nervous all the way round, but I relaxed after that," Davies said. "Three shots is a big lead with just the 18th left." It became four when Crosby three-putted again, but the American had no complaints: "Laura played so good. She hardly made any mistakes and I was always behind her."

That could become a familiar refrain as the iron lady rides again.

JEFF ROBBINS



Davies, the former British and US Open champion, with the Standard Register Ping tournament trophy

Agassi's new adviser quickly proves his worth



Stuart Jones sees a sick Sampras show remarkable stomach for the fight in Lipton tournament final

LAST week Andre Agassi was asked whether he considered his ranking, 31st in the world, realistically reflected his present status. Without insisting that his position was false, he said that he was prepared to take on "the No 30 for a lot of money".

He was referring to a 32-year-old fellow American, Brad Gilbert, and he was taken on by Agassi during the Lipton tournament. Not as an opponent, though, but as a tactical adviser and he was to play a significant role in the extraordinary final here on Sunday.

Preceding the scheduled start at one o'clock, Gilbert was involved in discussions with Alan Mills, the referee here as well as at Wimbledon, and Butch Buchholz, the chairman of the tournament. Together they resolved the problem which had been posed two hours earlier when Agassi's opponent, Pete Sampras, arrived complaining of nausea and dehydration.

Agassi did not appreciate that the final was in doubt until 20 minutes before he was due out on the centre court. "Brad kept it from me," he said. "He didn't want me to know that Pete was sick. Otherwise, my mind might have been too relaxed."

Only when it became clear that Sampras would not be able to start on time, having been given an intravenous drip for almost two hours, was Agassi consulted. He readily consented to a relaxation of the rule which stipulated that Sampras was technically bound to default.

"I was throwing up all morning but nothing was coming up," the defending champion said, suspecting that the previous evening's meal of pasta may have upset his stomach. "I told the doctors at 12.30 that I couldn't play, so it was a class move of Andre's to postpone the match."

When it did begin, an hour later than planned, Sampras initially felt as though he was constantly winded and his recovery periods were longer than usual. But for the adrenalin pumping around his ailing system, he agreed that he might have had to forfeit the title.

Instead, apart from losing five successive games and the opening set, he struck forehands of startling ferocity and precision to become the first man to retain it, completing his victory, by 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, after two-and-a-quarter hours, with an astonishing series of seven aces in two service games against the best returner in the world.

"Had he be feeling good, he might have played worse," Agassi argued. "When you don't have the pressure of feeling that it is going to be an intense match, you loosen up and hit big shots."

Nevertheless, it had been a remarkable week for Agassi, who climbed a dozen places up the rankings. He is to continue to work on his strategy with Gilbert, a comparative veteran who has been outplayed but never out-thought on court.

Agassi has surprised himself already. After being out for five months, he has marked his comeback first by winning a title in Arizona and then by reaching the final of the Lipton, considered to be the most competitive tournament outside the grand slam championships.

"I want weeks like this to be consistent," he said. "I want to beat the guys I'm supposed to beat, have the occasional upset over the guys that are playing the best tennis and feel I have a shot against the guy who is playing the best in the world."

Agassi, who has lost five of his nine matches against Sampras, is plainly not intimidated by a compatriot who appears to be virtually unbeatable.

Agassi's parting comment was reserved for the stadium in Crandon Park. Echoing the words of Steffi Graf, the winner of the women's title, he described it as the best in the world with the exception of Wimbledon, Roland Garros and, from the information gathered from colleagues, Melbourne.

There was no mention of Flushing Meadow, the United States Tennis Association's officials should note. They organise the preposterous US Open, universally recognised as being everything a tournament should not be. They should be compelled to visit Key Biscayne to see how Americans can run an idyllic event.

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Rutherford disputes value of adjustments to scores

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ON THE eve of the International Rugby Football Board's annual meeting in London, Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) technical director, has made withering criticisms of aspects of the law. These must be addressed, he said, if rugby union is not to go further down the road towards its derivatives, rugby league and American football.

Rutherford has also complained that Wales forwards were wearing illegal studs and padding during the game against England at Twickenham last Saturday. By inference, Rutherford was critical of the Scottish match officials responsible for checking the players' dress before the match. Wales lost 15-8.

He criticised the international board, the game's primary lawmaker, for its adjustment of scoring values which have resulted in a rash of penalties conceded by players who would rather give away three points than seven for a converted try.

"There is either a flaw in how games are refereed or in the points structure," Rutherford said. "Whatever the lawmakers had in mind when altering the points value, it has singularly failed. That's a fundamental change which must be addressed before next season."

But he also called on referees to invoke the offside law more frequently. "In only one of our internationals this season has offside been properly refereed and the advantage law can't be applied unless players are onside," he said.

Rutherford will find himself at odds with some leading coaches in his view of the law and also in the increasing use of electronic aids which allow coaches to manipulate play from the sidelines. "Take American football, with its huge helmets and ear plugs and everyone talking to everyone else. I don't think that's the game we want. If you are a player, it should be over to you."

The RFU will clarify today the make-up of its new management team, headed by Jack Rowell. Ireland have omitted three players — Mark McCall, Ciaran Clarke and Ken O'Connell — capped this season from the party to tour Australia in May. Nick Popplewell, Rob Saunders, Vincent Cunningham and Brian Rigney are unavailable.



Rutherford: critical

IRELAND PARTY: Backs: C O'Shea (Lansdowne), J Staples (London Irish), S Geoghegan (London Irish), R Wallace (Garryowen), N Woods (Blackrock College), P Danaher (Garryowen), M Field (Malone), M Ridge (Blackrock College), B Walsh (Cork Constitution), E Elwood (Lansdowne), A McGowan (Blackrock College), M Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain), A Rolland (Blackrock College). Forwards: P Clohessy (Young Munster), J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), G Halpin (London Irish), P Soden (Cork Constitution), T Kingston (Dolphin), K Wood (Garryowen), V Costello (St Mary's College), J Davidson (Dungannon), N Francis (Old Belvedere), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), M Galwey (Shannon), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), P Hogan (Garryowen), P Johns (Dungannon), G McBride (Malone), B Robinson (Ballymena), R Wilson (Portadown). Manager: F Sowman. Coach: G Murphy.

Bonecrusher back to face Akinwande

JAMES "Bonecrusher" Smith returns to London at the end of this month, ten years after he almost wrecked Frank Bruno's career by knocking him out in the tenth round at Wembley Arena. Smith is to take on Henry Akinwande, the European and Commonwealth champion, on April 5. This time the venue will be York Hall, Bethnal Green. Now 37 bouts on, Smith is 40, almost 1½st heavier and was knocked out in three rounds by Lionel Butler, the world No 3, in his last contest in January.

Michael Bentt, the former WBO heavyweight champion, who was taken to the Royal London Hospital after his defeat by Herbie Hide on Saturday, was discharged yesterday morning. He will fly home to New York today. Jonathan Sutcliffe, the consultant neurosurgeon, reaffirmed his view that Bentt should not box again. Bentt's manager, Stan Hoffman, said: "He still can't remember anything from the time he arrived at the venue or about the fight."

Three nations' challenge

RUGBY LEAGUE: England, Wales and France are to play in an annual triangular tournament from next season. The three nations' championship, which is being revived after a 15-year gap, could later be expanded to include Russia and Moldova. Fitting the tournament in a congested domestic programme, with Australia playing three internationals against Great Britain in the autumn, is a problem, but the championship will provide international competition in the build-up to the Centenary World Cup in October 1995.

Royals suspend Carty

BASKETBALL: Hemel Hempstead Royals have suspended Mike Carty until the end of the season following an incident in a Budweiser League home fixture against Birmingham Bullets on Saturday. Carty, 29, a 6ft 6in forward, was disqualified along with Tony Simms, of Birmingham, after an altercation in the final quarter of the game, won 84-72 by the Bullets. When Carty carried on arguing after being dragged away by his coach, Vince Macaulay Razaq, the referee, Keith D'Wan, threatened to abandon the game.

Teamwork for Clarke

GOLF: Darren Clarke, the promising Irishman, teams up with his manager, Andrew Chandler, in the Sunningdale Foursomes, which start today. Chandler, the champion in 1988 with Carl Mason, and Clarke will come up against two more European tour regulars, Richard Boxall and Derrick Cooper, tomorrow if both pairs win their first matches. The holders, club professional Andy Beal and English amateur international Lee James, meet David and Philip Talbot, a father and son combination, in the first round.

Selectors' surprise

BADMINTON: Only two days after playing in the final of the All England championships, Gill Clark's name was surprisingly missing yesterday from the mixed doubles in England's squad for next month's European championships. She is included for the women's doubles but the selectors apparently believe that Clark, who has a history of knee trouble, can no longer be relied on to play in two events.

ENGLAND TEAM: Men: D Hall, A Nelson, S Butler, C Haughton, S Archer, C Hunt, J Robertson, N Ponting. Women: J Muggeridge, S Louis-Lane, A Humby, J Bradbury, G Clark, G Gowers, J Wright.

Snow stays in control

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, the British No 1, retained the British amateur title with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 victory over the second seed, Nigel Pendrigh, of Petworth, at Queen's Club. Snow retrieved relentlessly, cutting the ball to an immaculate length and looking mobile and determined. Pendrigh, a powerful left-hander, fought strongly and looked fit after his recent victory in the United States amateur championship, but Snow's concentration and will to win proved conclusive.

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Weather clouds Lincoln outlook

By Julian Muscat

THE clatter of fences will be replaced by the thunder of hooves when the William Hill Lincoln Handicap, the first major Flat race of the season, is contested at Doncaster on Saturday. It is an equine lottery in which the small owner is offered the opportunity to win a valuable prize.

As with all games of chance, there are plenty of willing participants. The five-day declaration stage yesterday saw 57 horses stand their ground for a race in which the maximum field is 24. Inevitably, the sponsor's consolation race for horses balloted out, the William Hill Spring Mile, will also attract enough runners to mirror the cavalry charge of the main event. It is run over the course and distance 24 hours earlier and can offer a valuable insight into the effects of the draw.

Even then, however, such information may prove utterly misleading, as it was 12 months ago, when the first three home in the consolation race were drawn in stalls 16, 17 and 24 respectively. Consequently, backers relied heavily on those Lincoln runners drawn in high-numbered stalls, only for the first six home to start from between stalls two and nine. It is no sort of race to be chasing those Cheltenham losses.

If anything, this year's renewal has been rendered more complicated by the preference of many fancied horses for some cut in the ground. Among them is Penny Drops, the Lord Huntingdon-trained five-year-old who ran away with last year's Cambridgeshire and now heads the Lincoln weights. The going at Doncaster was yesterday described as "good and drying out", although the weather forecast is unsettled.

Any inaccuracy on the part of the meteorologists may prompt Huntingdon to withdraw Penny Drops, provisionally the mount of David Harrison and 12-1 with the sponsors. In that event, the weights would rise by at least 6lb, leaving the West Ilsley trainer to be represented by the fast-ground performer Colour Sergeant.

Lively ground also threatens the participation of Moorish, the 10-1 favourite, who completed an unusual Lincoln preparation when chasing home Mysilv in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham last week. "The horse does need it soft and he will only run if the rains arrive," said Penny White, wife of John, who trains Moorish.

Missed Flight, at 14-1, and Fox Sparrow, trained by Roger Charlton, are others for whom the weather is vital. Michael Roberts has been booked for the latter, a 12-1 chance. "Fox Sparrow would like a lot more rain," Charlton said of his four-year-old, whose only victory was gained in testing conditions over ten furlongs at Newbury last year.

"I don't quite know why people have latched on to him. He should improve; he met with a lot of problems last year. I'd run him on genuinely good ground but not if it was any faster," he added.

Much of the ante-post interest has centred on Castel Rosselo, now 12-1 after an opening quote of 33-1. This colt, trained by Gay Kelleway, won over six furlongs on the sand at Southwell in December. "We would like decent ground as a mile is as far as he will stay," Kelleway said.

Hob Green and Philidor, two more who thrive in similar conditions, were backed to 14-1 from two points longer with Hills yesterday. Richard Hannon, the champion trainer, saddles both Show Faith (Kevin Darley) and Embankment (John Reid), while Pat Eddery, the champion jockey, rides Tissisat for Ian Balding. Lanfranco Dettori partners Wainwright for John Gosden.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Philidor, right, and Show Faith renew Goodwood rivalry in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Smart In Sable. 2.30 Bold Choice. 3.00 Rowlandsons Gold. 3.30 Hurricane Blake. 4.00 Killeshin. 4.30 Ballet Royal.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Killeshin.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 KILLESHIN.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 WALBERTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,543: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

1 2-12 NO PAIN NO GAIN 31 (BF,S) B Curley 6-11-8 D Murphy [illegible]
2 -312 RAMALLAH 54 (G) J White 5-11-8 W McFarland 90
3 523 GLENCARRIG GALE 27 D Grissell 6-11-2 Peter Hobbs 94
4 6800 POLICEMANS PRIDE 25 M Madgwick 5-11-2 T Grantham 77
5 4502 TALLAND STREAM 20 T Forster 7-11-2 R Farrant (3) 86
6 00P0 MAGGIE TEE 12 N Mitchell 6-10-11 D Skyrme 78
7 3503 POLLY MINOR 69 G Enright 7-10-11 M Perrett 79
8 P-2 SMART IN SABLE 83 P Hedger 7-10-11 M Richards 81
9 3 ZULU PEARL 43 J Gifford 6-10-11 E Murphy 95
10 0PP UNSUSPICIOUS 13 P Rich 4-10-8 P McDermott 71

2-1 Ramallah, 3-1 No Pain No Gain, 7-2 Smart In Sable, 6-1 Zulu Pearl, 8-1 Glencarrig Gale, 10-1 Talland Stream, 20-1 Policemans Pride, 33-1 others.

2.30 CERTAIN JUSTICE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,531: 2m 2f) (7)

1 2FP- PEACE OFFICER 418 (S) A Barrow 8-12-0 M Richards –
2 4125 SARTORIUS 10 (CD,G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-11-6 D Meade 98
3 P233 CONGREGATION 41 (S) R Rowe 8-11-1 J Railton [illegible]
4 2-22 BOLD CHOICE 17 (F,G) R Frost 8-10-9 J Frost 98
5 -331 GENERAL MERCHANT 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 14-10-7 (6ex) A Tory 90
6 5365 MASTER COMEDY 55 (B,CD,F,S) B Stevens 10-10-0 M Stevens 89
7 3244 UNIQUE NEW YORK 43 (G,S) S Woodman 11-10-0 D Gallagher 88

9-4 Sartorius, 5-2 Bold Choice, 3-1 Congregation, 6-1 Peace Officer, 7-1 General Merchant, 14-1 Unique New York, 25-1 Master Comedy.

3.00 MUNDHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,722: 2m 2f) (9)

1 411P CONVOY 10 (B,D,F) C Mann 12-0 G McCourt 91
2 0643 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 43 M Channon 11-1 Lorna Vincent 82
3 1580 MY SISTER LUCY 98 (G) Mrs A Knight 10-11 S Burrough 86
4 00P0 FORMAESTRE 28 G Humphrey 10-3 D Murphy 93
5 0040 ABU DANCER 13 K Cunningham-Brown 10-3 A Charlton 97
6 0BU5 WATER DIVINER 11 K Wingrove 10-0 J Ryan 90
7 3335 OMIDJOY 28 J Jenkins 10-0 D Gallagher [illegible]
8 6335 DO BE WARE 50 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-0 A Thornton (3) 84
9 0PF FATHER'S JOY 12 B Stevens 10-0 M Stevens –

2-1 Convoy, 3-1 Rowlandsons Gold, 7-1 Abu Dancer, 8-1 My Sister Lucy, Omidjoy, 10-1 Do Be Ware, Formaestre, 14-1 Water Diviner, 33-1 Father's Joy

3.30 GEOFFREY OSBOURNE R.H.L.L. NOVICES CHASE (£2,112: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 F0 APOLLO VENTURE 33 P Butler 6-11-8 E Byrne –
2 23/3 GROOMSMAN 39 (G) N Babbage 8-11-8 W Humphreys –
3 5300 HURRICANE BLAKE 85 (B,F,G) D Grissell 6-11-8 Peter Hobbs –
4 2032 LOBRIC 10 (B,F,G) J Jenkins 9-11-8 J Railton [illegible]
5 -PP6 VISION OF WONDER 57F (F) J King 10-11-8 J R Kavanagh –

4-7 Lobric, 3-1 Hurricane Blake, 6-1 Groomsman, 10-1 Vision Of Wonder, 20-1 Apollo Venture.

4.00 HORSE AND HOUND CHARLTON HUNT HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,618: 2m 3f) (12)

1 22-3 TRUST THE GYPSY 14 (CD,F,G) J Dufosee 12-12-9 M Felton (7) 82
2 4-P1 KILLESHIN 14 (S) H Manners 8-12-6 G Brown (7) [illegible]
3 321-1 WELSHMAN'S GULLY 10P (F,S) Mrs D Silk 10-12-6 C Newport (7) –
4 U0U/ ALL GOLD BOY 70S T Jones 9-12-0 C Ward Thomas (7) –
5 PP-P0 AS GOOD AS GOLD 182 (G) T Jones 8-12-0 D Birkmyre (7) –
6 -4314 MAGICAL MORRIS 17P (G,S) W Hacking 12-12-0 P Hacking (3) –
7 1412/ MIC-MAC EXPRESS 668P (C,F,G) Mrs L Sycklemoore 11-12-0 N R Mitchell (7) –
8 322- POWERSURGE 487 J Poulton 7-12-0 C Gordon (7) –
9 /04P SONNENDEW 27 Miss P Russell 11-12-0 Mrs N Ledger (7) –
10 2P-44 TERRIFORN 14 (G) Mrs T Hill 9-12-0 A Hill (3) –
11 8-4P PAID ELATION 4 D Fletcher 9-11-9 J Wingfield Digby (7) –
12 12-PR REMPSTONE 38P (G) Mrs J Pardie 8-11-9 R Nuttall (7) –

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

5-4 Killeshin, 7-2 Trust The Gypsy, 6-1 Magical Morris, 7-1 Mic-Mac Express, 10-1 Welshman's Gully, Paid Elation, 16-1 Sonnendew, 20-1 All Gold Boy, 33-1 others.

4.30 MIDHURST HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,194: 2m 2f) (13)

1 24FF GANDOUGE GLEN 98 (CD,F,G) J Gifford 7-12-0 P Hide (3) 90
2 2110 BALLET ROYAL 24 (CD,S) G Harwood 5-11-11 M Perrett 90
3 -000 SHARRIBA 45 (G) G Humphrey 5-11-5 D Murphy 90
4 U32P KHALDI 124 (B) D Gandolfo 5-10-12 P Holley 98
5 4/P VAL D'AUTHIE 17 (G) J Joseph 6-10-9 D Skyrme –
6 620- ROYAL PRINT 29F (F,G) W Muir 5-10-9 M Richards 98
7 P/2-F PERSIAN LUCK 105 (F) D Welsh 8-10-7 P McLoughlin (7) 92
8 0P-P PAPERWORK BOY 59 (B) Miss N Berry 9-10-5 R Farrant (3) –
9 10/5 DRAMATIC EVENT 15 (G) J Moore 9-10-0 E Murphy –
10 -400 CARRIKINS 43 (B,G) D Grissell 7-10-0 Peter Hobbs 85
11 6523 MY SENOR 8 (V,CD,S) M Madgwick 5-10-0 T Grantham 82
12 P-60 YUVRAJ 88 (S) B McMath 10-10-0 V Smith –
13 1/00 LUCKY OAK 20 (CD,F,G) R Rowe 8-10-0 L Dace (7) 73

7-4 Ballet Royal, 4-1 Royal Print, 6-1 Gandouge Glen, 8-1 Khaldi, 10-1 Persian Luck, 12-1 Sharriba, 14-1 Carrikins, Val D'Authie, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 12 winners from 28 runners, 42.9%; T Forster, 6 from 18, 33.3%; M Channon, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Moore, 5 from 21, 23.8%; J White, 12 from 51, 23.5%; J Gifford, 31 from 152, 20.4%.

JOCKEYS: J Frost, 20 winners from 75 rides, 26.7%; A Charlton, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M Perrett, 18 from 82, 22.0%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 75, 21.3%; A Tory, 10 from 54, 18.5%; P Hide, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

☐ Brian Ellison trained his first winner since last May when Station Express landed the Sandy Lane Conditional Jockeys' Claiming Handicap Hurdle at Newcastle yesterday.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.40 Clonony Castle. 3.10 Miners Melody. 3.40 Davy Blake. 4.10 Steele Justice. 4.40 Four Trix. 5.10 Dark Dawn.

BRIAN BEEL

2.40 Goggins Hill. 3.10 Miners Melody. 3.40 Davy Blake. 4.10 Steele Justice. 4.40 Man's Best Friend. 5.10 Dark Dawn.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

Form figures for all races include point-to-points

2.40 UNIVERSAL FORWARDING NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £960: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 00-21 GOGGINS HILL 13 (S) P Cheesbrough 7-13-0 J Greenall
2 63-P6 AH JIM LAD 10P Miss L Eaton 10-12-7 A McPherson (7)
3 -PP2 CLONONY CASTLE 11 (B) Miss U McGuinness 8-12-7 C Mulhall (7)
4 33-3 KINGS THYME 13 R Acton 8-12-7 C Barlow (7)
5 FU-1 LITTLE WENLOCK 17P (S) Mrs D Gibson 10-12-7 Miss J Percy (7)
6 142-0 MILL KNOCK 10P (S) J Thompson 12-12-7 Miss P Robson (7)
7 000/ PARSON'S QUEST 700 N Mason 8-12-7 Miss Y Beckingham (7)
8 C11- POPESHALL 374P (G,S) Miss S Williamson 7-12-7 R Brown (5)
9 3260- PRIDEAUX PRINCE 297 (B,G) Miss C Dennis 8-12-7 P Atkinson (7)
10 3P-2F SPOTTED HEUGH 38P C Graham 10-12-7 T Scott (7)
11 83-23 WHINSTONE MILL 38P R Brewis 6-12-7 A Robson (7)
12 F-P23 LINN FALLS 20P Miss C Dawson 9-12-2 Mrs V Jackson (7)
13 0-PP2 JOG-ALONG 17P W McKeown 5-11-12 R Hale (5)

4-5 Goggins Hill, 5-1 Popeshall, 6-1 Clonony Castle, 8-1 Prideaux Prince, 10-1 Mill Knock, Jog-Along, 14-1 Linn Falls, Kings Thyme, 20-1 others.

3.10 GROUSE AND CLARET INTERMEDIATE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,725. 3m) (10)

1 211 MINERS MELODY 11 (S) P Cheesbrough 6-12-6 J Greenall
2 0130 HAWAIIAN GODDESS 143 (G) J Moore 7-11-12 S Swiers
3 PP3F- KAFFIR ALMANAC 346P A Barnett 7-11-10 Miss K Barnett (7)
4 25-23 SPARTAN RANGER 11 (G) Miss K Milligan 9-11-10 C Bonner (7)
5 0P23 CONVINCING 10P J Cornforth 10-11-7 P Cornforth (7)
6 0-PP3 DOXFORD HUT 17P W McKeown 10-11-7 R Hale (5)
7 U1-P4 LITTLE GLEN 10P (F) A Crozier 6-11-7 D Scott (7)
8 P112 SHARP OPINION 10P (G,S) Miss P Robson 11-11-7 Miss P Robson (7)
9 PP/P- SICILIAN MELODY 369 G Coatsworth 10-11-7 P Johnson (5)
10 31-52 THE CHAP 21P (G) P Gill 11-11-7 W Burnell (7)

4-5 Miners Melody, 9-4 Sharp Opinion, 6-1 Little Glen, 10-1 The Chap, 14-1 Convincing, 20-1 others

3.40 NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,870: 3m) (9)

1 F-1BF FAST STUDY 31P (D,S) S Robinson 9-12-2 S Robinson (7)
2 3-111 DAVY BLAKE 18 (F,G,S) T Dalgetty 7-11-13 J M Dun (5)
3 15-41 FINAL CHANT 10P (D,F,G,S) D Brydon 13-11-13 R Brown (5)
4 11-11 AGATHIST 10P (F,G,S) Mrs C McClymont 11-11-10 K Anderson (3)
5 P4F-P CLASSIC BART 52P (G) C Graham 10-11-10 T Scott (7)
6 13/2 DALTON DANDY 15 (D,F) Mrs S Dent 12-11-10 P Jenkins (7)
7 FBU-3 NO PANIC 17P (G) M Bannister 10-11-10 S Whitaker (7)
8 UPP6 STRING PLAYER 10P (F,G,S) M Mullineaux 12-11-10 D Barlow (7)
9 11/5 DURIGHT 11 (D,F,G) Miss J Sawney 11-11-5 N Tutty (5)

4-7 Davy Blake, 9-2 Agathist, 5-1 Final Chant, 8-1 Duright, 10-1 Dalton Dandy, 14-1 Fast Study, 20-1 No Panic, 33-1 String Player, 50-1 Classic Bart.

4.10 MICHAEL JOBLING WINES LADIES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,725: 3m) (7)

1 411-1 STEELE JUSTICE 20P (D,F,G,S) W Manners 10-12-0 Miss P Robson (7)
2 4/1-0 FRISKNEY DALE LAD 15 (F) J Hugill 9-11-7 Miss S Hunter (7)
3 13-PP ROBINS CHOICE 10P (D,F,S) R Tate 10-11-6 Mrs F Needham (7)
4 /P-UU MIG 14 (G) N Mason 9-11-2 Miss Y Beckingham (7)
5 2222- POSEIDONIA 318P Mrs J Percy 8-11-2 Miss J Percy (7)
6 P5PP SECOND ATTEMPT 20P M McGovern 10-11-2 Mrs A Farrell (3)
7 /665 WEDDICAR LADY 10P K Robson 8-10-11 Miss J Thurlow (5)

4-5 Steele Justice, 2-1 Mig, 10-1 Robins Choice, Poseidonia, 16-1 Friskney Dale Lad, 20-1 Second Attempt, 33-1 Weddicar Lady.

4.40 TOWN AND COUNTRY HUNTERS NATIONAL (Amateurs: £3,220: 4m 1f) (5)

1 00U0 FOUR TRIX 15 (F,G,S) G Richards 13-12-3 R Hale (5)
2 00-24 ISOBAR 31P (F) M Mulloneaux 8-12-0 D Barlow (7)
3 1-121 MAN'S BEST FRIEND 10P (G,S) Mrs A Farrell 7-12-0 R Ford (7)
4 142R- BELLWAY 304P (C,F,S) E Elliot 13-11-11 C Storey (7)
5 412U GENERAL HARMONY 10P (B,G,S) Miss S Jennings 11-11-11 S Brisby (7)

4-6 Man's Best Friend, 7-2 General Harmony, 5-1 Isobar, 8-1 Four Trix, 12-1 Bellway.

5.10 MELDON VILLAGE STORAGE AND DRYING HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,035: 2m 110yd) (14)

1 0PPP AFRICAN SAFARI 15 (B,D,F) Miss C Richardson 10-12-3 P Murray (7)
2 P334 ASTRE RADIEUX 10P (D,G,S) J O'Shea 9-12-3 Mr C Stockton (7)
3 F1P6 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 14 (S) D McCain 8-12-3 D McCain (5)
4 11F-2 DARK DAWN 42 (D,BF,G,S) P Cheesbrough 10-12-3 J Greenall
5 1-F30 HOUGHTON 15 (B,C,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-12-3 M Watson (7)
6 3F45 LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 10P (F,G) J Riddell 8-12-3 S Bell (7)
7 UF8P/ RIVER CEIRIOG 887P (G,S) M Mullineaux 13-12-3 D Barlow (7)
8 P-PPP SILENT RING 10P (V,F,G) N Waggott 8-12-3 C Mulhall (7)
9 PPP-P SUPER TRUCKER 10P (F) J Adams 11-12-3 Miss P Robson (7)
10 24PF- WAY OF LIFE 355 (D,G) M Hammond 9-12-3 C Bonner (7)
11 6P1-0 JOHN CORBET 15 (F,S) Mrs J Brown 11-12-0 R Brown (5)
12 60-PP LOVE ON THE ROCKS 10P (B,D,S) Mrs C Brown 9-11-12 S Hope (7)
13 12-11 LINGHAM MAGIC 15 (F,G,S) J Swiers 9-11-9 S Swiers
14 4032 TROOPER THORN 200 S Pittendrigh 10-11-7 S Pittendrigh (7)

1-2 Dark Dawn, 5-1 Lingham Magic, 7-1 Houghton, 12-1 John Corbet, African Safari, 16-1 Loughlinstown Boy, Way Of Life, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Cheesbrough, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; M W Easterby, 9 from 33, 27.3%; G Richards, 11 from 77, 14.3%; M Hammond, 9 from 74, 12.2%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: Mrs A Farrell, 3 from 12, 25.0%. Only qualifier.

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THUNDERER

1.50 Andermatt
2.20 Fed On Oats
2.50 Mount Argus
3.20 Lesbet
3.50 ARTIC WINGS (nap)
4.20 Candy Tuff
4.50 Merlins Dream

Brian Beel: 2.50 Mount Argus.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.50 WELLAND NOVICES CHASE (£2,381: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

101 020051 ANDERMATT 13 (S) (The Marston Sept) J Mackie 7-11-10 N Williamson 68
102 242312 RIVER MANDATE 42 (G) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-11-10 B Powell [illegible]
103 0-0410P FATHER FORTUNE 19 (S) (R Holt) D Sherwood 6-11-4 J McCarthy (3) –
104 4 GYPSY KING 15 (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 6-11-4 S McNeill 58
105 0P/P KING TASMAN 104 (Mrs J Hatcher) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-4 C Maude –
106 00/0424- MR INVADER 375 (M Boddington) N Gaselee 7-11-4 C Llewellyn –
107 4154P8 APRIL CITY 17 (S) (T Gourley) C Smith 5-10-4 M Ranger –

BETTING: 11-8 River Mandate, 5-2 Andermatt, 5-1 Gypsy King, 8-1 Mr Invader, 12-1 Father Fortune, 20-1 King Tasman, 25-1 April City.

1993: ROYAL FLAMINGO 7-10-13 R J Beggan (13-2) G Bravery 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANDERMATT beat Precipice Run 7l in 6-runner novice chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, soft). RIVER MANDATE 6l 2nd of 8 to Raymylette in novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). FATHER FORTUNE best recent effort beat Safari Park 2l in 11-runner conditional jockeys novice handicap hurdle here (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) in November. GYPSY KING 13¼l 4th of 12 to Another Excuse in novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, soft). MR INVADER 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Dermington in novice handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. APRIL CITY best recent effort 6l 4th of 12 to Who Sir in novice handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, soft) in January.
Selection: RIVER MANDATE (nap)

2.20 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,953: 2m) (9 runners)

201 00-1450 MOZEMO 56 (D,G) (Codan Trust Company Ltd) A Bailey 7-11-10 S Smith Eccles 85
202 314 FED ON OATS 19 (D,S) (J Kottler) D Nicholson 6-11-5 A Maguire 92
203 000050- ALEX THUSCOMBE 290 (P Larnyman) Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-0 D Telfer 72
204 000-003 DEVIL'S CORNER 17 (H Webb) H Webb 6-11-0 M Bosley [illegible]
205 GARRISON COMMANDER (R Ogden) A Turnell 5-11-0 S McNeill –
206 00U HECTOR MARIO 17 (R McAlpine) J Edwards 6-11-0 N Williamson –
207 2/04 MAGELLAN BAY 17 (Autofour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 I Lawrence 92
208 5 THE BARGEMAN 104 (BF) (Mrs J Hatcher) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 C Llewellyn –
209 0-50 ANNIE KELLY 55 (Mrs R Hoare) J Wharton 6-10-9 B Dalton 82

BETTING: 9-4 Fed On Oats, 11-4 Magellan Bay, 9-2 Devil's Corner, 8-1 Mozemo, 10-1 Garrison Commander, 12-1 Hector Mario, 16-1 The Bargeman.

1993: STRATH ROYAL 7-11-5 M Brennan (Evens fav) O Brennan 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOZEMO 24½l 5th of 10 to Fowleyvale in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. FED ON OATS 15¾l 4th of 17 to Mozdy Royale in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). ALEX THUSCOMBE 18¼l 5th of 9 to Nouvelle Cuisine in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DEVIL'S CORNER 3l 3rd of 14 to Avena in novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft) with MAGELLAN BAY 7l 4th and HECTOR MARIO unseated rider 2nd. THE BARGEMAN 19¾l 5th of 21 to Red Parade in National Hunt flat race at Worcester (2m, heavy). ANNIE KELLY 28l 9th of 22 to Moorish in novice hurdle over course and distance (soft) with MOZEMO (3lb worse off) 15l 13th.
Selection: FED ON OATS

2.50 17th/21st LANCERS CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,193: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

301 31414 QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Morris 10-12-10 Mrs M Morris (7) 88
302 11-12 MOUNT ARGUS 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) S Brookshaw 12-12-7 S Brookshaw (5) [illegible]
303 F0/2P-12 BROWN WINDSOR 14 (B,C,D,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 12-12-5 B Pollock (7) 98
304 R-P16 HOOK HEAD 14 (S) (Mrs A Gillies Shields) T Tarratt 10-12-0 C Vale (7) –
305 12P-P PADRIGAL 17P (F,G,S) (J Cheatle) J Cheatle 11-12-0 C Bealby (5) 85
306 3P4U2 PARSON'S CROSS 10P (D,F,G) (Mrs J Mayes) Mrs J Mayes 10-12-0 Mr A Sansome (7) –
307 FP-4F SHILGROVE PLACE 21P (F,G,S) (Mrs S A Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 12-12-0 D Parker (5) –
308 P-UPP54 SPORTING MARINER 14 (CD,F,G,S) (D Bloor) D Bloor 12-12-0 D Bloor (7) 80

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: Evens Mount Argus, 2-1 Brown Windsor, 6-1 Padrigal, 8-1 Sporting Mariner, 12-1 Queen's Chaplain, 20-1 Shilgrove Place, 25-1 Parson's Cross, 33-1 Hook Head.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN beat Goggins Hill 2l in 5-runner hunter chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. MOUNT ARGUS 30l 2nd of 6 to Double Silk in hunter chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft). BROWN WINDSOR 6l 2nd of 8 to My Mellow Man in hunter chase at Leicester (3m, good to soft) with SPORTING MARINER 10l 4th. HOOK HEAD beat Force Eleven 12l in 8-runner restricted point-to-point at Ampton (3m, soft) on penultimate start. SHILGROVE PLACE 28l 4th of 14 to General Harmony in confined point-to-point at Wetherby (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: MOUNT ARGUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Miss C Saunders	3	6	50.0	J Osborne	13	58	22.4
T Forster	6	28	21.4	P Niven	10	46	21.7
Mrs M Reveley	7	34	20.6	A Maguire	6	35	17.1
M W Easterby	3	15	20.0	S Smith Eccles	6	36	16.7
Jimmy Fitzgerald	10	54	18.5	M Dwyer	14	87	16.1
D Nicholson	9	50	18.0	G Upton	3	19	15.8

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.20 SHERWOOD RANGERS YEOMANRY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,506: 3m 4f) (15 runners)

401 34FU5F BERESFORDS GIRL 25 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 9-11-10 D Matthews (5) –
402 402324 RIMOUSKI 7 (G) (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 6-11-9 Mr J Cambidge 92
403 110204 GORT 12 (G,S) (F Allison) B Meehan 6-11-8 M A Fitzgerald 94
404 3550SF STORM DRUM 83 (F,S) (Mrs S Ferguson) K Bailey 5-11-4 N Williamson 98
405 5-52200 FURRY BABY 38 (CD,G,S) (K Hanson) M Avison 7-11-2 R Garritty 97
406 142-044 ARR EFF BEE 129 (B,G) (P Wheeler) J Smith 7-11-2 T Eley (3) 84
407 1/5-F00 SPARTAN TIMES 11 (S) (G Beccle) T Forster 10-11-0 B Powell 85
408 3-P1303 SWEET NOBLE 14 (S) (Boswell Fixings Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-11 F Leahy (7) 89
409 0-84046 SIR CRUSTY 21 (F,G,S) (M Ash) O O'Neill 12-10-11 P Maddock (7) 86
410 R2P-200 RIDWAN 109 (S) (T Barr) K Morgan 7-10-10 A S Smith 95
411 04P-453 GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 17 (B,S) (Brockley Bloodstock) G Ham 9-10-9 A Maguire 84
412 P13066 LESBET 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Carlson) R Curtis 9-10-9 D Morris [illegible]
413 22-P621 CARSON CITY 14 (G) (Mrs M Gray) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-4 P Niven 90
414 6-43243 PRINCE OF SALERNO 48 (BF) (C Walford) N Gaselee 7-10-2 R Supple 92
415 0P65-0P TAP DANCING 25 (G) (J Allen) J Allen 8-10-0 Mr N Bradley (7) 75

Long handicap: Tap Dancing 9-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Carson City, 9-2 Sweet Noble, 6-1 Rimouski, 8-1 Prince Of Salerno, 10-1 Gort, 12-1 others.

1993: MIDLAND LAD 8-11-8 A Mulholland (11-4) J Eyre 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIMOUSKI best recent effort 5l 3rd to Rustino in handicap hurdle here (3m 110yd, heavy) with GEORGE BUCKINGHAM (7lb better off) 15¾l 5th, SIR CRUSTY (6lb better off) 2½l 6th, SPARTAN TIMES (12lb better off) 15l 8th and GORT (10lb better off) 9l 11th. GORT 6l 2nd to Gray's Ellergy in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, soft). FURRY BABY 5l 2nd to Bolin Magdalene in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (3m, soft). CARSON CITY beat Par-Bar 1½l in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good).
Selection: RIMOUSKI

3.50 BENDIGO MARES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,951: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)

501 36-4251 KNOCKAVERRY 10 (G,S) (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 6-11-10 R Supple [illegible]
502 5-32441 ARTIC WINGS 12 (D,S) (Lady Anne Bentinck) O Brennan 6-11-4 M Brennan 98
503 FP2420 EVE'S TREASURE 19 (N Dixon) S Campion 4-11-2 A Maguire 89
504 546-343 RACE TO THE RHYTHM 12 (Race Transmission) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-10 C Llewellyn 93
505 P00 BROUGHTON'S GOLD 19 (Broughton Thermal Insulation) W Musson 6-10-6 N Mann –
506 0-00F0 CAIPIRINHA 11 (Karen Roydon Racing Ltd) S Christian 6-10-1 G Upton –
507 004U GAY'S GAMBIT 55 (Mrs P Hartley) M W Easterby 5-10-0 Mr D Parker (5) –
508 06006 SOLO GIRL 19 (Plough Racing) A Jones 6-10-0 S McNeill 90
509 3R6/0-63 CAROUSEL CROSSETT 68 (Mrs K Woodhead) E Caine 13-10-0 Mr S Walker (7) –
510 000 TITAN EMPRESS 12 (The Rookies Partnership) S Mellor 5-10-0 S Earle 88
511 20P-505 BOWLAND GIRL 73 (J Wilcox) R Hollinshead 5-10-0 S Wynne (3) 83
512 5/0000/ LOST IN SPACE 763 (J Smith, C Evesall) K Morgan 7-10-0 A S Smith –
513 0-PPP6P ESSEN AITCH 8 (Spiers & Hartwell Ltd) Mrs H Parrott 5-10-0 V Slattery –

Long handicap: Gay's Gambit 9-12, Solo Girl 9-12, Carousel Crossett 9-11, Titan Empress 9-10, Bowland Girl 9-8, Lost In Space 9-6, Essen Aitch 8-4.

BETTING: 7-4 Artic Wings, 7-2 Knockaverry, 9-2 Race To The Rhythm, 8-1 Eve's Treasure, 10-1 others.

1993: HYMNE D'AMOUR 5-12-0 J Osborne (4-7 fav) Miss H Knight 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNOCKAVERRY beat Son Of Iris 10l in novice hurdle at Southwell (3m, good). ARTIC WINGS beat Glenlinn Princess 8l in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft) with RACE TO THE RHYTHM (7lb better off) 5l 3rd. EVE'S TREASURE 2½l 2nd to Manos Mill in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy) on penultimate start. SOLO GIRL 27l 6th of 14 to Derrymoss in novice handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, good to soft). BOWLAND GIRL 9¾l 5th of 12 to Princethorpe in novice handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft).
Selection: ARTIC WINGS

4.20 TRENT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,089: 3m 3f 110yd) (11 runners)

601 2-014U3 HIGH PADRE 17 (CD,F,G,S) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10 M Dwyer 95
602 2-31221 MASTER JOLSON 32 (F,S) (Mrs E Roberts) D Nicholson 6-11-9 A Maguire 90
603 2-22532 CANDY TUFF 11 (BF,F,G,S) (G Stevenson) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-7 P Niven 98
604 543113 CHOCTAW 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Yeadon) P Beaumont 10-11-0 C Hawkins 91
605 35-4PFP SOONER STILL 113 (B,F,G,S) (D Davies) C Cowley 10-10-12 Jody Davies (7) 90
606 FP5U41 SUNBEAM TALBOT 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Legoeld) A Jones 13-10-7 M A Fitzgerald 97
607 P-1U221 YOUNG MINER 13 (G,S) (Mrs T McInnes Skinner) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 8-10-7 G Upton [illegible]
608 1F-2520 RED AMBER 97 (B,F,S) (J Morton) S Sherwood 8-10-2 J Osborne 89
609 01-R BIANCONI 107 (G) (Seguaro Stables) N Gaselee 8-10-1 C Llewellyn –
610 653/P-P PRINCE NEPAL 32 (S) (Major E O'F Wilson) R Champion 10-10-0 B Powell –
611 2/35/PU CLONROCHE GAZETTE 12 (B,S) (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 14-10-0 Miss S Wallin –

Long handicap: Prince Nepal 9-6, Clonroche Gazette 9-5.

BETTING: 3-1 Master Jolson, 4-1 Candy Tuff, Young Miner, 5-1 High Padre, 9-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 10-1 others.

1993: LITTLE GENERAL 10-10-6 J Osborne (2-1) R Rowe 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH PADRE 7½l 3rd of 10 to Shraden Leader in handicap chase at Doncaster (3m 4f, good). MASTER JOLSON beat Sally's Gem 2½l in 12-runner novice chase at Fakenham (3m, good). CANDY TUFF 1½l 2nd of 6 to River Pearl in handicap chase at Ayr (3m 4f, good to soft). CHOCTAW beat Heavenly Citizen 2l in handicap chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. YOUNG MINER beat Choice Challenge 1l in 8-runner handicap chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good) with CHOCTAW (1lb better off) 20l 3rd.
Selection: YOUNG MINER

4.50 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,077: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1 SOUNDS FYNE 122 (S) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-12-1 G Tormey (7) –
2 ERMINE STREET (Lady Anne Bentinck) O Brennan 6-11-8 R Moore (7) –
3 FIXTURESSECRETARY (K Manley) D Nicholson 5-11-8 R Massey (7) –
4 GREET THE GREEK (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 5-11-8 J Burke (5) –
5 HOLY STING (G MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-8 T Jenks (3) –
6 0 ME FEIN 10 (P Byrne) B Curley 6-11-8 Mr C Curley (7) –
7 MERLINS DREAM (W Watt) O Sherwood 5-11-8 J McCarthy (3) –
8 NATIVE MONY (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 5-11-8 R Wilkinson (7) –
9 STONEGREY (ROM Racing) M W Easterby 6-11-8 J Driscoll (7) –
10 0 WHAT'S YOUR STORY 24 (J Wright) D Nicholson 5-11-8 Mr G Hogan (7) –
11 0 TORTULA 15 (T Laxton) R O'Leary 5-11-3 K Davies (7) –
12 WINDSWEPT LADY (Mrs S McDonald) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-3 M Herrington (7) –
13 0 CHUCKLES 11 (S Smith) S Smith 4-11-0 Mr K Green –
14 RHINE RIVER (Mrs A Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 4-11-0 Mr A Wilson –
15 4 SABBAQ 11 (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-11-0 N Leach (5) –
16 BOOLAVOGUE (M Murphy) O O'Neill 4-10-9 P Maddock (7) –
17 LUCKY HOLLY (R Wood) R Wood 4-10-9 C Woodall (7) –
18 0 ONLY JESTING 66 (Mrs R Fox) Mrs P Sly 4-10-9 Lorna Brand (7) –

BETTING: 2-1 Sounds Fyne, 11-2 Fixturessecretary, 7-1 Holy Sting, 8-1 Merlins Dream, 10-1 others.

1993: SQUIRES TALE 5-11-1 G Cahill (33-1) B Rothwell 17 ran

No Joker excels in Robson's bonanza

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

BOGSIDE, the Scottish venue, staged probably its final meeting on Saturday. Once a popular National Hunt course but lately confined to point-to-pointing, the track has been sold for development. If indeed the Eglinton was the last fixture, it will be remembered fondly by Pauline Robson, who rode four winners.

After Festival Fancy had landed the odds in the ladies' race, she won a thrilling struggle on Minibrig to beat Flower Of Scotland, ridden by Kevin Anderson.

Anderson, who had already won the open on Randolph Place, had his revenge in the next and beat her into third in the confined. Not to be overshadowed, however, Robson bounced back with the 16-1 chance No Joker in the first division of the maiden. She rounded off a memorable afternoon with Trap Dancer in the second division, her tenth winner this term.

Polly Curling completed a treble at the Quantock, taking her total to 18, an unprecedented tally at this stage of the season. On an excellent day for women riders, Jane Brackenbury completed a double and Sally Cobden was also on the mark.

John Llewellyn suffered a generally disappointing day at the Carmarthenshire with only one winner, Chibougama, from six rides, but it was his 269th career success to put him in second place in the record books.

Achieving his first winner was Tim Edwards, the son of trainer John Edwards. He landed the PPOA at the South Herefordshire on his first ride, Music Minstrel.

Maltby Boy, the winner for Alison Hickman of his last ten races in point-to-points — he has been beaten twice in hunter chases — found Raglan Road, ridden by Alexandra Embiricos, too good in the ladies' at the West Street Tickham. He was caught at the last, found nothing extra and was beaten by four lengths.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: YOUNG MINER (4.20 Nottingham)
Next best: Zulu Pearl (2.00 Fontwell)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, STATION EXPRESS (A Larnach, 7-2 fav); 2, Charlycia (M Clarke, 10-1); 3, Chadwick's Ginger (A Thornton, 40-1); 4, Highfield Prince (K Davies, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 On Golden Pond, 7 Irish Flasher (5th), 8 Star Rage, 11 Thatched, 12 Nicholas Plant, 16 Bansal (6th), 20 Carla Adams, Dolly Prices, 25 Miss Pimpernel, Top Villain, 33 Beach Patrol, 50 Sea Pet, 100 Touraque. 17 ran. 1½l, nk, 4l, 2l, 1l. B Ellison at Consett, Co Durham. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £2.60, £3.80. £4.20. DF: £17.30. Trio: £451.20. CSF: £35.62. Tricast: £1,111.07.

2.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, CAPENWRAY (P Niven, 7-1); 2, Major Bell (M Moloney, 8-1); 3, Cametto (F Leahy, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Scotton Banks (5th), 14 Astralleon (4th), Oat Couture, 20 Brave And Tender, 33 Hicksons Choice, 50 Rhyming Thomas (f), Tico Gold, 100 Catch The Pigeon, Jumping Cactus, Sams-The-Man (pu), 200 Manor Court (6th), 300 Another Shoon (pu). 15 ran. 7l, 5l, 7l, 7l, 2½l. R Fisher at Ulverston. Tote: £6.70; £1.80, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £59.10. CSF: £55.85.

3.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, SIR PETER LELY (Mr C Bonner, 13-8 fav); 2, Absailor (P Williams, 11-1); 3, Kushbaloo (B Storey, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Deadline, Night Guest (6th), 10 Zam Bee (5th), 14 Stepfaster (4th), 20 Strong Sound. 8 ran. 3½l, 15l, 6l, 10l, 6l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £11.00. CSF: £17.31. Tricast: £43.72.

3.50 (3m hdle) 1, POLISHING (S Lyons, 9-2); 2, Huso (J Callaghan, 2-1 fav); 3, Leading Prospect (B Storey, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Valiant Dash (4th), 17-2 Troodos (6th), 11 Sexy Mover, 12 Palanquin (pu), 14 Jesters Prospect (5th), 20 Thistleholm. 9 ran. NR: Attadale, It's The Pits. 4l, 4l, 6l, sh hd, 20l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £4.30; £1.10, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £3.50. Trio: £9.60. CSF: £13.61. Tricast: £39.17.

4.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, SILVER STICK (R Garritty, 4-5 fav); 2, Greenfield Manor (A Merrigan, 7-1); 3, Shellas Hillcrest (J Supple, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Eden Sunset (4th), 25 Snook Point (5th), 66 Kinroyal (f). 6 ran. ½l, 10l, 3½l, 4l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.23.

4.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SHAWWELL (B Storey, 8-1); 2, Strong Deel (L Wyer, 12-1); 3, Free Transfer (A Dobbin, 16-1); 4, Red Tempest (Mr D Parker, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Fortune's Girl (6th), 5 Juke Box Billy, 9 High Mind (f), Mahong, 12 Erzadjen (5th), 14 Goldmire, 16 Montrave (ro), 25 German Legend, The Pipe Fitter, 50 Glastondale, 100 Ca-Knowa, 200 Admission, 500 Panto Lady. 17 ran. 6l, 3½l, 1½l, ½l, ¾l. J Charlton at Stocksfield. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £4.70, £3.80, £3.80. DF: £49.40. Trio: £74.00. CSF: £96.60. Tricast: £1,392.62.

Jackpot: £9,640.60.

Placepot: £28.60.

Plumpton

Going: heavy

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, GOOGLY (A Maguire, 4-7 fav); 2, Shanakee (E Murphy, 8-1); 3, Yellow Corn (Peter Hobbs, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Eagles Lair (5th), Wanovowers (f), 16 Pulmicort (4th), 33 Ferens Hall (6th), 50 Bargin Boy, Starshadow (pu), 100 King's Gold (pu), Lb's Girl (ro). 11 ran. NR: Neologist. 12l, 20l, 10l, dist. J White at Wendover. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.44.

3.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, BETTY HAYES (P Carey, 5-2); 2, Shaston (P Holley, 9-2); 3, Miss Fern (D Meredith, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Rositary (pu), 25 The Leggett (ro). 5 ran. 10l, 3l. R Alner at Blandford Forum. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £3.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £12.15.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, BAYLORD PRINCE (M Hoad, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Kalamoss (Miss S Mitchell, 8-1); 3, Across The Card (D Gallagher, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Cobb Gate (4th), Days Of Thunder (5th), 25 Five Castles (ur), 50 Alessio Roxanne, Belle Lock (6th). 8 ran. NR: Miss Parkes. Hd, 12l, 1l, 5l, 20l. R Hoad at Lewes. Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £21.10. Trio: £33.40. CSF: £20.36. Tricast: £149.91.

4.00 (2m ch) 1, LADY GHISLAINE (A Maguire, 8-11 fav); 2, Handsome Ned (J Railton, 2-1); 3, Queens Curate (B Powell, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Green Walk (5th), 16 Exact Analysis (4th), 33 Present Times (ur). 6 ran. 5l, 10l, 7l, 5l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.53.

4.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, ROYAL SQUARE (M Perrett, 2-1 fav); 2, Freddy Owen (A Maguire, 9-4); 3, Punch's Hotel (P Hide, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 9 Blakeington (4th), 14 Ginger Dip (ur), 33 Salvager (pu). 6 ran. 1½l, 2½l, dist. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £3.00; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.80.

5.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, AUGUST TWELFTH (Mr Raymond White, 7-1); 2, Villa Park (Mr J Rees, 12-1); 3, Mildred Sophia (Miss S Mitchell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Prize Match (4th), 7 Glen Mirage (pu), Manhattan Boy, The Mrs, 11 Donna's Token (6th), 14 Milly Black (ur), Nathir, 20 Ribovino, 33 Andy Boy, 66 Connabee (5th). 13 ran. NR: Arcticflow, Bee Dee Boy, Directors' Choice. 1½l, 4l, ½l, 1l, 3½l. D O'Brien at Pembury. Tote: £8.60; £2.80, £4.50, £3.10. DF: £88.30. Trio: £316.80. CSF: £82.00. Tricast: £913.30.

Placepot: £67.90.

Thunderer was in fine form yesterday, selecting the first five winners at Plumpton, and giving a 9-4 winning nap, Brackenthwaite, on the all-weather at Lingfield Park

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

2.10 (1m 5f) 1, Qualitair Aviator (G Bardwell, 11-10 fav); 2, Lyph (7-2); 3, Ann Hill (7-1). 6 ran. 4l, 5l. J Bottomley. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.41.

2.40 (1m) 1, Lady Williams (D Harrison, 4-1); 2, Gobsmacked (1-2 fav); 3, Little Miss Ribot (25-1). 8 ran. Nk, 8l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £5.50; £1.40, £1.10, £9.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.66. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.10 (6f) 1, Muzz (J Weaver, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Phoneaholic (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Monsieur Petong (5-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 5l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.80. CSF: £11.89.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Brackenthwaite (J Fortune, 9-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Beverly Knight (7-2); 3, Modesto (8-1). 8 ran. 4l, 1½l. T Barron. Tote: £3.10; £1.40, £1.50, £3.40. DF: £10.70. CSF: £10.92. Tricast: £50.39.

4.10 (7f) 1, Zinbaq (T Williams, 14-1); 2, Christoph's Girl (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Present Situation (13-2). Bill Moon 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Zeboim. 1l, nk. C Benstead. Tote: £19.40; £4.40, £2.10, £5.00. DF: £33.80. Trio: £236.70. CSF: £81.84. Tricast: £469.98.

4.40 (2m flat) 1, Queenford Belle (T Jenks, 4-6 fav); 2, Drummond Warrior (7-4); 3, Rosie-B (33-1). 4 ran. 15l, 15l. P Hobbs. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £2.38.

Placepot: £10.30.

Johnston's aim

QUICK Ransom, trained at Middleham by Mark Johnston, has arrived in the United States for two valuable races at Santa Anita, California.

He will contest the $250,000 San Luis Rey Stakes on Sunday and the $400,000 San Juan Capistrano Invitational Handicap on April 24, both run on turf. Quick Ransom will then return to Britain for a European campaign.

THE TIMES RISING STARS

Winners from Bangor-on-Dee OF THE GIFT VOUCHERS FROM Aquascutum

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There's £300 of Aquascutum vouchers to be won each time there's a race in The Times Rising Stars 9 race Series.
Look out for the £5000 prize at Newbury on 25th March.

Australia draw level in Test series

New-ball bowlers end fightback by South Africa

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN CAPE TOWN

THERE was no sign of the rain that had been forecast for Newlands yesterday, so that Australia duly took the second Test match by nine wickets. Such a margin is unarguable, but the final day was not quite the formality it could have been.

Slater hit the winning runs half-an-hour after tea, Australia having been left with 91 to make, more or less at their leisure. It was a good win, and after their poor showing in Johannesburg they very much needed it. Once they had got a bad first hour out of their systems, they were much more businesslike here, Wessels implying that he thought this was because they concentrated more on what they did and less on what they said.

After five Test matches between the sides in the last three months, Australia have now won two, South Africa have won two and one was virtually washed out. The present series stands at one match apiece with the decider to come, starting in Durban on Friday.

In the twilight of his Australian captaincy, Border is becoming almost weirdly cautious. Although South Africa began yesterday in desperate straits, at no stage did he crowd the bat for Warne or have more than one slip for any of the faster bowlers. Even for the new ball, taken 35 minutes after lunch, he had only one slip, a short leg and a deep gully anywhere near the bat. The nearest he came to harassing a batsman was to place two fairly wide silly mid-offs a dozen yards from the bat for Rhodes, whose most favourite avenue that is. There is a tip for Mike Atherton.

Border would say, I am sure, that his canniness paid off, and his choice of Steve Waugh to partner Warne for most of what was left of South Africa's innings was fully justified. Waugh's five wickets for 28 runs in 22.3 overs was much his best analysis in Test cricket.

It was, as he said himself, just his wicket, being slow, low and of little use to the faster bowlers, but good for squatting. With figures of one for 178 in South Africa's last three innings, Hughes may find himself having to give way to Reiffel or May in Durban.

After the early dismissal of McMillan, leg-before to Waugh in the sixth over of the morning, Rhodes and Richardson batted through to lunch with no little skill and great determination. To Warne they played French cricket whenever he went round the wicket, which he did frequently. Although he took no further wicket, Warne's accuracy was remarkable and his influence considerable.

Lunch was taken at 153 for seven, the new ball only three overs away. If Rhodes and Richardson could have seen off the shine we might have begun to think of Bailey and Watson and England's miraculous escape against Australia at Lord's in 1953.

But in the fourth over with the new ball, McGrath had Richardson caught at the wicket, aiming to drive. Rhodes followed two balls later, smartly caught by Border, standing square and deep at short leg, and Donald was bowled second ball. After two hours without a wicket, the last three had fallen within the space of five balls.

Needing only a single to pass 1,000 Test runs, Slater finished with 43 not out. He has taken only 292 days about it, and no one has ever managed it in a shorter time than that. Slater has batted 23 times and averages 47; his opening partner yesterday, Mark Taylor, batted only 18 times and averaged 60, but he took 321 days.

Don Bradman, as ever, a law unto himself, took 11 innings and averaged 117.7; but Tests were so much scarcer in his day that 590 days passed between him getting his first Test run and his thousandth.

☐ John Emburey, 41, Middlesex's former England off spinner, had an operation in London last night to repair a detached retina in his right eye. The county secretary, Joe Hardstaff, warned: "It might be four weeks before John can play cricket again — or it might be four months."

Emburey, who has no idea how the injury occurred, flew back home on Sunday from Guyana. "We will not know whether John will be fit for the start of the season for ten days," Hardstaff added. "The eye will have to be given time to settle down before the surgeon inspects it again."

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 361 (A C Hudson 102, B M McMillan 74, P N Kirsten 70).

Second Innings

A C Hudson lbw b S R Waugh	49
G Kirsten lbw b Warne	10
W J Cronje c and b S R Waugh	19
*K C Wessels run out	9
P N Kirsten c Taylor b Warne	3
J N Rhodes c Border b S R Waugh	27
P S de Villiers lbw b Warne	0
B M McMillan lbw b S R Waugh	3
†D Richardson c Healy b McGrath	31
C Matthews not out	0
A A Donald b S R Waugh	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 3)	13
Total	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-69, 3-94, 4-97, 5-97, 6-97, 7-103, 8-164, 9-164.

BOWLING: McDermott 13-3-39-0; Hughes 5-1-12-0; Warne 30-13-38-3; McGrath 16-6-26-1; S R Waugh 22.3-9-28-5, Border 1-1-0-0; M E Waugh 3-1-11-0

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 435 (D C Boon 96, S R Waugh 86, M A Taylor 70, I A Healy 61, C R Matthews 5 for 80, P S de Villiers 4 for 117)

Second Innings

M A Taylor b Donald	14
M J Slater not out	43
D C Boon not out	32
Extras (b 1, nb 2)	3
Total (1 wkt, 25.1 overs)	92

FALL OF WICKET: 1-30.

BOWLING: Matthews 6-1-14-0; de Villiers 6-0-20-0; Donald 5-0-20-1; McMillan 5-0-23-0; Cronje 2-0-4-0; G Kirsten 1.1-0-10-0.

Umpires: K E Liebenberg (South Africa) and D R Shepherd (England).

New Zealand keep firm grip

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHARP fielding helped New Zealand to share the honours with India on the third day of their one-off Test match in Hamilton, New Zealand, yesterday.

They dismissed India for 246, gratefully snapping up all the catching opportunities that came their way. New Zealand, 59 runs behind on first innings, were 39 without loss at the close.

Bryan Young, on 19, and Blair Hartland, 18, remained not out, their opening stand being New Zealand's best of a dismal summer. The pair looked comfortable against the opening attack of Srinath and the veteran, Kapil Dev.

While Srinath was lively and always accurate, Kapil looked a shadow of his former self. He was able to get movement away from the bat, but he bowled at barely medium pace and the batsmen played him with ease.

Mohammad Azharuddin, the India captain, made a double bowling change in the fifteenth and sixteenth overs, bringing the off spinner, Venkatapathy Raju, and the leg spinner, Anil Kumble, into the attack.

Young and Hartland, with the latter playing forcefully off the back foot, had few problems. However, by the last over the day, the spinners were starting to extract an alarming amount of turn. That does not bode well for the New Zealanders, who struggled against Shane Warne, of Australia, earlier this summer.

India, starting the day at 104 for three, were dismissed midway through the last session. Morrison, with four for 52 runs, was the pick of the New Zealand attack while Azharuddin, with 63, was India's leading scorer. He rarely looked troubled in his 162-minute stay and passed 4,000 Test runs during his innings.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 187 (K R Rutherford 63, J Srinath 4-60)

Second Innings

B A Young not out	19
B R Hartland not out	18
Extras (b 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	39

BOWLING: Srinath 7-1-15-0; Kapil Dev 7-2-12-0; Raju 3-1-6-0; Kumble 3-2-4-0; Chauhan 1-1-0-0.

INDIA: First Innings

†N Mongia run out	45
N S Sidhu b Morrison	10
V G Kambli c Young b Pringle	9
S R Tendulkar c Nash b Thomson	43
*M Azharuddin b Thomson	63
S V Manjrekar c Young b Morrison	29
Kapil Dev c Fleming b Nash	16
A R Kumble c Fleming b Morrison	7
R Chauhan not out	12
S L V Raju c Young b Morrison	2
J Srinath c Parore b Pringle	1
Extras (lb 6, w 1)	7
Total	246

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-38, 3-89, 4-138, 5-183, 6-216, 7-226, 8-227, 9-237.

BOWLING: Morrison 30-9-52-4; Nash 20-5-57-1; Pringle 22.3-8-52-2; Hart 19-5-33-0; Thomson 11-1-46-2.

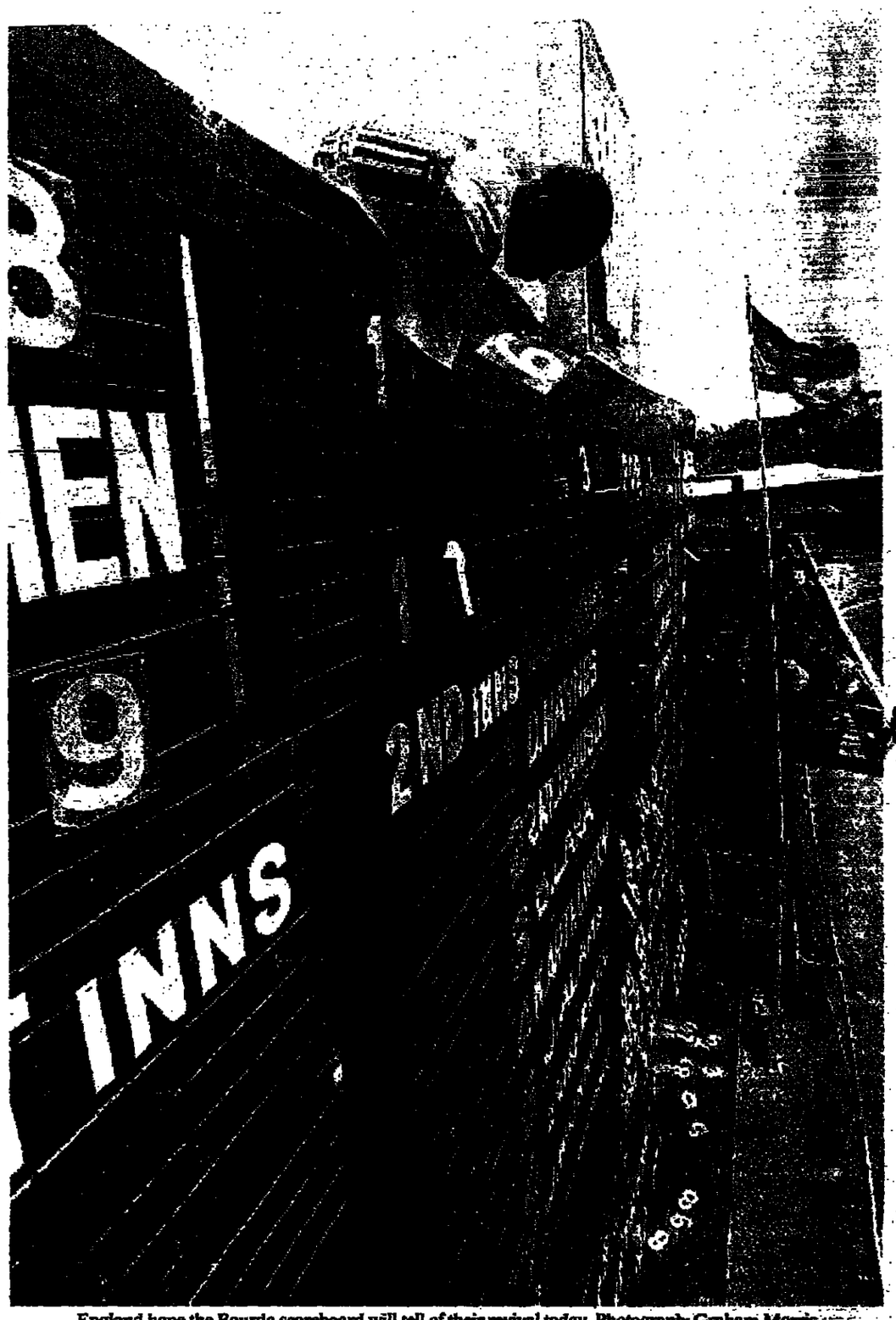
Umpires: B Aldridge (New Zealand) and Khizar Hayat (Pakistan).

Rum day gives rise to recovery hopes



CLEMENT FREUD

In Guyana



England hope the Bourda scoreboard will tell of their revival today. Photograph: Graham Morris

In football, teams get a ten-minute half-time break — 15 minutes in important matches — during which the players may suck a lemon, the manager deliver a pep talk and the linesmen adjust their toupees. If there is a marching band, this is the time for it to do a number on the evacuated pitch.

In rugby and hockey, to manifest macho status, the break in play lasts no more than a token two minutes . . . but in a five-day Test match, as well as the lunch breaks, tea breaks and drinks breaks — there is a rest day; a day for contemplation and assessment.

A day when the physio can get to grips with strained backs and injured knees, the psycho with bruised egos, the statistician with his hoard of reference books, for it is in the nature of the game to throw up new records by the bucketful if only they can be identified.

The Dean's son, Nathanial Clover,
Once bowled seven no-balls in an over,
Which had never been done,
By a clergyman's son,
On a Tuesday in August at Dover.

Rest-day journalism has produced some of the great cricket writing of the century: C. B. Fry from Islamabad: Robertson-Glasgow's Headingley Lament, Swanton's Sunday in Adelaide.

In the Fifties, Fleet Street toyed with appointing a specialist rest-day squad: learned men, scholars and pharisees to assess, analyse and evaluate the game to date; outline tactics for the play to come. The unions knocked that idea on the head.

It is a rest day. The sun shines. Many England players are having a lie-in. Boycott is sitting in the breakfast room eating a mango with a knife and fork and as I drink iced coconut water and nibble at papaya bread, I think we just might have been over-pessimistic in writing off this second Test match.

Let us forget about Jamaica, ignore the extravagant odds bookmakers quote against an England victory and look at the situation with realism.

On Sunday afternoon, when bad light interrupted play, then when showers abandoned a resumption, England needed only 115 runs to make West Indies bat again. Stewart and Thorpe are the not-out batsmen and we have six wickets in hand, six hours of cricket to come. Is this really the scenario for defeat?

Admittedly, Thorpe with a bat is a bit one-dimensional, has a tendency to regard the approaching Ambrose with that blend of fascination and fear with which a Tory minister might regard a Spanish nymphet, but in his first Test match against Australia at Trent Bridge he scored a century of quality. Unless it was a different Thorpe, as some out here believe, he needs only to rediscover that form to make a useful contribution — say 40.

And if ever there was a man to have on your side in pursuit of a lost cause, it is Chris Lewis. Tell him it is all over and you have one of the great exponents of positive, attacking cricket. I have Lewis pencilled in for a quick fifty and Salisbury can hang around for a while.

Russell is a problem. Mortified by his performance on Saturday, he has been holed up in a darkened room with just the occasional foray for fried chicken breasts and a banana in the coffee shop. The fifth day will have him go out to bat with a determination awesome to perceive — say 20.

As this is not a fairy-tale, neither Fraser nor Igglesden will significantly bother the scorer . . . so after lunch, with Stewart approaching his double century, West Indies will go in needing a few runs short of a hundred in the fourth innings for victory.

Will we bowl them out? Will the rest day have evolved some diabolical plan for taking ten quick wickets? Could Robin Smith's bowling be a secret weapon . . . though when I saw him coming back to our hotel in the early hours of rest day morning I would have given odds against that eventuality.

I rely on Lewis and Salisbury, some lightning stumpings by Russell, two run-outs via Ramprakash. If I should be wrong in any of these suppositions — like if Thorpe runs out Stewart, is then the first leg of a Benjamin hat-trick and we have to rely on Fraser and Igglesden ("nice chap, Igglesden, but useless", Colin Croft said of him in a broadcast on Sunday) — there is always the weather.

As I sit at my table in the deserted Bourda ground sipping at a glass of El Dorado 15-year-old Demerara Rum and watching the operator of the manual scoreboard rehearsing his finger work for the morrow, it would be an exaggeration to say that I am confident — but I am sort of hopeful and the more rum I drink, the more hopeful I become.

Boycott is making what may turn out to be an only slightly memorable rest-day broadcast on the pitch in front of me. He is talking about form and cluss. Atherton, he says, has shown a touch of form "but we haven't had cluss since Botham and Gower and Boycott". Just modesty.

ENGLAND: First Innings 322 (M A Atherton 144, R A Smith 84; C E L Ambrose 4 for 58).

Second Innings

*M A Atherton b Ambrose (5min, 4 balls)	0
A J Stewart not out (196min, 125 balls, 12 fours)	72
M R Ramprakash b Ambrose (41 min, 27 balls)	5
R A Smith c Richardson b Ambrose (84 min, 52 balls, 2 fours)	24
G A Hick b K C G Benjamin (7 min, 5 balls, 1 four)	5
G P Thorpe not out (51 min, 30 balls, 2 fours)	10
Extras (lb 2, nb 1)	3
Total (4 wkts, 196min, 40.2 overs)	119

I D K Salisbury, †R C Russell, C C Lewis, A R C Fraser, A P Igglesden to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-30, 3-91, 4-96.

BOWLING: Ambrose 12-2-25-3; Walsh 12-2-42-0; W K M Benjamin 6-0-32-0; K C G Benjamin 10-5-18-1.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 556 (B C Lara 167, J C Adams 137, D L Haynes 63, S Chanderpaul 62; I D K Salisbury 4 for 163).

Umpires: C R Duncan (West Indies) and S Venkataraghavan (India).

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

Schumacher driven by fearless resolve

BY OLIVER HOLT

ALAIN Prost was supposed to be the referee but he did not turn up, Ayrton Senna was too busy and Nigel Mansell, the usual star of the show, was on IndyCar duty elsewhere. Michael Schumacher, though, would not be deflected.

He played in last year's annual charity football match before the Italian Grand Prix at Monza and enjoyed it. He was man of the match.

The point is not that he is a good football player, although he is quick and exceptionally fit. Watching him play that evening, one was struck first by his overwhelming confidence, his eagerness to be involved at every stage. He milked the adoration of the crowd, played to the *tifosi* and converted a penalty with a flourish. His determination made the limitations of his talent an irrelevance.

He carries the same qualities into grand prix racing where it is far harder to find fault with his abilities. His irrepressible nature, his youth and his happiness are an integral part of his success story. Fear and caution do not appear in his lexicon. Mix the character and the skill and you have a package that Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director, was apparently willing to offer £20 million to secure during the latter stages of last season. "Michael Schumacher demonstrated what for Formula One is an unusual degree of loyalty to his team," Dennis said, rather wistfully, last week. "I respect him for that."

The signs are, though, that the German, 24, did not let his heart rule his head. At Imola, in the last serious testing session before the teams headed to Brazil for the first race of the season on Sunday, Schumacher's Benetton-Ford defied Senna and Damon Hill, in their Williams-Renault, to finish with the fastest lap time.

"The offer from McLaren was unsettling," Schumacher said from the sanctuary of his motorhome during a break in testing at Estoril. "It was a good offer. But it was a lot safer for me to stay at Benetton. They are a team that I have worked with for some time. It is nice to grow up with a team rather than move somewhere else and be expected to win the world championship straight away. I prefer it the way I have it now. There is no political manoeuvring. I have the team's full support. There is real warmth for me there. It is like a family.



Schumacher: eager

"The other point was that I had a contract until 1995 and I am not a person just to get rid of contracts and ignore them because I have another offer. Benetton also acted well because they extended my contract. They had a very cheap driver and they knew they could not keep paying me that amount, so they made changes for me."

Schumacher made the most dramatic grand prix debut of recent years when he qualified his Jordan in seventh place for the 1991 Belgian Grand Prix.

He was immediately hailed as a world champion of the future and has done nothing to provoke doubts in his admirers. He finished third in the championship in 1992 and fourth last year but this season, as Benetton grows ever stronger and he continues to mature, Schumacher is likely to be the driver who will be Senna's closest challenger.

"When I came into the team, we were behind McLaren, Ferrari and Williams, and together we have built it up to where we are now. I am a different driver to the one who raced that first time in Spa, too. I am still ten years younger than many of the others but I know now when to take risks and when not to. Early on in my career, I tried to do more than was possible.

"Now, we are competing very closely against the top teams, but we are still a team of the future. I think we can now talk seriously about our target being to clinch the No 2 team spot and be very close to being No 1.

"We must try to push for that. But I do not think we can beat Williams. They still have an advantage and the crucial factor is their Renault engine. We have got a new Ford engine, I know, but Renault has not been sleeping."

McLaren reward Brundle

MARTIN Brundle, who turned down an offer from Jordan earlier in the year, was rewarded for his patience yesterday when McLaren announced he would drive for them alongside Mika Hakkinen, the Finn, in the Brazilian Grand Prix, which opens this year's Formula One season in São Paulo on Sunday (Oliver Holt writes).

Brundle's chances of securing the seat improved dramatically when Alain Prost, who had been openly courted by Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director, decided against abandoning his retirement.

"I set myself a personal target of driving for McLaren in the Brazilian Grand Prix," Brundle, from Norfolk, said yesterday. "I have a contract with the team for the whole of 1994. I have joined the most successful team in grand prix history and my expectations are high."

Brundle was dropped by Benetton after the 1992 season, then lost out to Damon Hill in the battle for the coveted Williams drive vacated by Nigel Mansell. He drove with Ligier last season, finishing third in the San Marino Grand Prix and seventh in the championship.

McLaren have also signed Philippe Alliot, presumably to satisfy Peugeot, their French engine suppliers.

Britain must hire coaches to improve bronze tally

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY

THE Paralympic Winter Games, which ended here on Saturday, proved two things: that winter sports for the disabled are gaining recognition among the able-bodied and that Britain is not managing to keep pace with the rest of the world.

After the chaotic organisation of the Games in Tignes, France, two years ago, the Norwegians learned from everybody else's mistakes to ensure that Lillehammer '94 ran like clockwork. Local television covered the Games on a daily basis while the crowds massed in their thousands to watch.

With spectators paying £10 for admission, the organising committee is already £1 million in profit and the money will be used for the further development of disability sport.

Bob Steadward, the president of the International Paralympic Committee, had been concerned the Winter Games were falling behind the summer Paralympics in every aspect. But after the first few days in Lillehammer, he was convinced that the level of professionalism among the athletes and organisers was finally putting winter sports on the map.

However, the Britain team has failed to make the same progress. Despite more funding and a bigger team, Britain won only five bronze medals. As other countries employ former World Cup and Olympic coaches to train their disabled teams in technique and tactics, the British athletes are being made to look more and more amateur.

Unless the policy and attitude towards the Winter Games changes, Matt Stockford and Richard Burt, among Britain's best Alpine skiers, are considering retirement. "We need a racing coach to show us how to beat these guys," Stockford said, having watched Chris Waddell, of the United States, cruise by him to four gold medals in the LW10 class.

"I came here to win but I've got a boxful of bronze medals at home and I don't need any more. I can't win without a race coach and without a coach I'm quitting."

Adrian Whiteson, the president of the British Paralympic Association, realises the time has come to change tack if Britain is to stay in the hunt for medals. "We've won bronzes, sat back and been satisfied," he said. "We must do more.

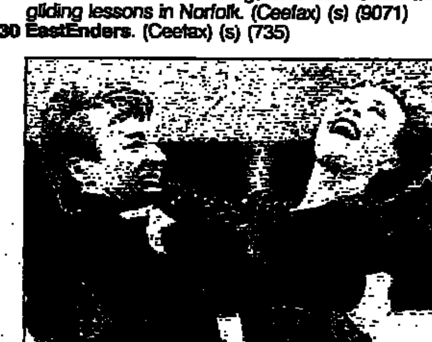
"With all due respect to the people who have brought the team this far, we need someone to bring them on and train them for gold. Spirit and guts may get us a bronze medal but nothing more.

"The rest of the world has improved so much and we have not. We have the potential to be successful but only if we can train them to the right standards."

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6.00 Business Breakfast (86261)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64225648)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a topical discussion (s) (8547358) **9.45 Newshound.** Current affairs quiz (s) (4196290)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5086464) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (8556822)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present the weekday magazine programme (s) (91534006)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by Tony Curtis and the Seekers (s) (1883919) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (20354464)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (97716)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (67344990) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (67355006)
2.15 Columbo: Death Lends a Hand. The dishevelled detective (Peter Falk) investigates the mysterious death of an unfaithful wife. With Robert Culp and Ray Milland. (Ceefax) (1436919)
3.30 Tex Avery Triple Bill. Cartoon fun (r) (6251261)
3.50 Teddy Trucks (3594938) **3.55 Sick as a Parrot** (s) (4910358) **4.10 SuperTed** (r) (8598385) **4.20 Hangar 17.** (Ceefax) (s) (9335700) **4.45 Along a Lonely Road.** Second of a five-part story (s) (7967657)
5.00 Newsround (2186209) **5.10 Dark Season.** Sci-fi adventure (r). (Ceefax) (6577261)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (236280). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey (Ceefax) and weather (241)
6.30 Regional news magazines (551). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando visits Cyprus; Julie Walters tries, in her own inimitable style, to cope with the pitfalls awaiting the unsuspecting tourist in Marrakesh; Sankha Guha travels on the Bolshoi Express from Moscow to St Petersburg; and Sue Cook takes gliding lessons in Norfolk. (Ceefax) (s) (9071)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (735)



Christopher Dean, Jayne Torvill (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Torvill and Dean: Facing the Music.** (Ceefax) (3551)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3822)
9.30 The Oscars: The 66th Annual Academy Awards. Barry Norman presents highlights of the ceremony held yesterday in Los Angeles (s) (58071)
11.30 FILM: California Suite (1978). Neil Simon's Academy Award-winning comedy following the tribulations of four sets of visitors staying at an up-market Beverly Hills hotel. Starring Maggie Smith, in an Oscar-winning role, Michael Caine, Alan Alda and Jane Fonda. Directed by Herbert Ross (606716). **Northern Ireland:** Country Times 11.55-1.35am FILM: California Suite **Wales:** 11.30 Week in Week Out 12.00-1.40am FILM: California Suite
1.10am Weather (7911472). Ends at **1.15**
2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (68410); **3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television** (65323)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Probability and Statistics (7881938) **6.45** Maths Modelling (5372613) **7.10** Food Production Systems (3678280) **7.35** Developing World (7369209)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4685919)
8.15 Westminster Daily (1178483)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus for children, **1.25** Just So Stories (85080731) and **1.35** Rupert the Bear (55410174)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (47722483) **2.15 Made By Man.** The miller (r) (93402667) **2.30 See Hear!** (r) (s) (984)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** presented by John Cole and Iain MacWhirter. (Ceefax) (9174223) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9726990)
4.00 Today's the Day. Nostalgia quiz with Martyn Lewis (s) (464)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama series with English subtitles (s) (648). **Wales:** Keen on the Past
5.00 All in the Mind. Teenage quiz show (s) (5367)
5.30 World Figure Skating Championships. Today's action features the compulsory dances and the pairs' technical programme (700)
6.00 FILM: Seven Cities of Gold (1955). Richard Egan and Anthony Quinn star in this semi-historical, semi-religious western telling the story of the Spanish Conquistadors' expedition from Mexico to California in 1796. Directed by Robert D. Webb (43103551)
7.45 Assignment: Quo Vadis Italy? David Sells reports as the Italian electorate prepares to go to the polls next week (172716)
8.30 Food and Drink. Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jilly Goolden compare DIY wine kits to the real thing; and give advice on how to avoid the most common problems when building a kitchen (s) (8396)
9.00 Naked Video 2½. Compilation of clips from the original series. (Ceefax) (s) (1464)



Brave Bronwen with husband Paul (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **40 Minutes Special: After the Bomb.** (Ceefax) (s) (29358)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (126919)
11.15 The Exploratory: Planet of the Apes. Scientists endeavour to find out if people are more than the product of brain circuits and evolution (s) (634648)
11.55 Weather (431358)
12.00 Health and Disease. Therapies on trial (5993304). Ends at **1.20am**
2.00 Night School: Access to Learning — Go for It (34120). Ends at **4.00**

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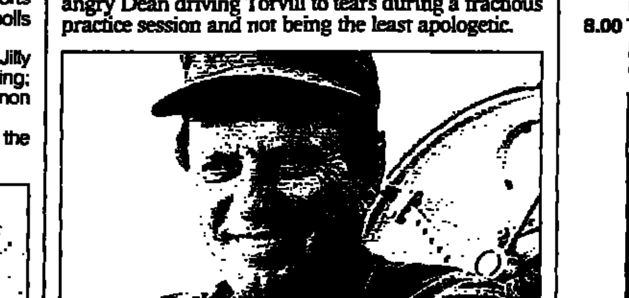
CHOICE

40 Minutes: After the Bomb
BBC2, 9.30pm

Among the victims of the IRA's bomb attack in Warrington last year was Bronwen Vickers, a 32-year-old mother of two young children. As a result of the blast she lost one leg and severely damaged the other. Peter Gordon's film follows Bronwen and her family over the year since the incident. The early months were taken up with Bronwen's rehabilitation, a slow and painful process but undergone with great good humour and a lack of anger and bitterness at the bombers. As Bronwen starts to enjoy something like normality, however, cancer returns after eight years and all thoughts of the IRA are suddenly banished.

Torvill and Dean: Facing the Music
BBC1, 8.00pm

Here is the inside story of how Torvill and Dean failed to win another Olympic gold medal. Edward Mirzoeff's documentary picks up on the pair from the first stages of their come-back and runs through to the disappointment at Lillehammer. Since the outcome is known the film is somewhat anticlimactic, although for those who only know T and D by their high-profile performances in world competition there may be a surprise or two. The footage that lingers in the memory comes not from the Olympics or even the European Championships, where our heroes came through to win after a discouraging start. It is of an angry Dean driving Torvill to tears during a fractious practice session and not being the least apologetic.



A seabed puzzle for Dr Bob Ballard (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Last Voyage of the Lusitania
ITV, 10.40pm

Dr Bob Ballard, the American underwater explorer who specialises in ferreting out the secrets of old wrecks, turns his expertise to the Lusitania. The British luxury liner was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland in 1915 with the loss of nearly 1,200 lives. Using the latest technology, Ballard seeks to establish why the ship sank so quickly and whether, as the Germans claimed, it was carrying war materials. Such exercises always make good television, even if they tend to promise more than they deliver. In any case the programme is worth watching for the seabed photography alone.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The rap star Ice-T celebrates the explosion in black American cinema in the early 1970s. After years of being portrayed as slaves, servants and comic relief, blacks were suddenly seen as taking control. Black men met violence with violence and black women asserted their sexuality. The so-called blaxploitation films soon ran out of steam, replicating the very excesses they had set out to attack. But Ice-T thinks they deserve to be remembered. In the programme's other item, Muriel Gray concludes her series on car culture by sampling the joys of open-tops, looking at the industry of Korea and assessing the prospects of a "clean" machine.
Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (8901260)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity quiz show (s) (3455261) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8469342)
10.00 The Time ... The Place (s) (6204209)
10.35 This Morning Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the weekday magazine (91528445) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7130358)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9222396)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9207087)
1.25 Home and Away (57784700)
1.55 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter visits an equine fertility unit. (Teletext) (90498939) **2.25 A Country Practice** (93709551) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Hospital drama (6542551)
3.20 News (Teletext) and weather (8906483) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (8905754)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (4935667) **3.40 Tots TV** (9724532) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (9720716) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (5516984) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (9436483) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (s) (6335396)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4586754)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (591754)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) Weather (73087)
7.00 Emmerdale. Punters at the Woolpack are disturbed by the entertainment on offer (Teletext) (7667)
7.30 Gangsters. The story of pickpocket Terry Whitlock, who has lifted more than £2 million from unsuspecting victims (s) (803)
8.00 The Bill. An arson attack on a villain appears to be part of a long-running feud, but his daughter is also a likely candidate. (Teletext) (3087)

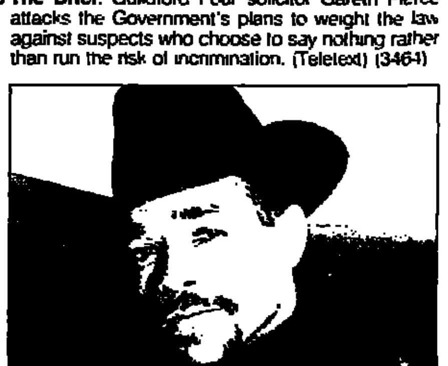


Williams and Keen sing for charity (8.30pm)

8.30 September Song. Connie and Billy help to raise money to cure a boy of his deafness. With Michael Williams and Diane Keen. (Teletext) (s) (5822)
9.00 Peak Practice: Act of Remembrance. A Second World War flying ace is invited to attend a fly-past. He decides to take the risk, even though his health is failing. With Kevin Whately and Amanda Burton. (Teletext) (s) (8483)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) and weather (41990) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (616667)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Last Voyage of the Lusitania.** (Teletext) (516483)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (335990)
12.30am The Beat with Gary Crowley (92052)
1.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (13439)
2.00 FILM: Bellamy — Massage Girl Murders (1980) starring John Stanton. A policeman's honeymoon is interrupted by a spate of murders. Directed by Gary Conway (48033)
3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (28965)
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (69014)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (46781)
5.30 Morning News (10217). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex (r) (3656629)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Early morning mayhem with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (10667)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz show chaired by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (68667)
9.30 Schools. Eureka! (9146795) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (3645700) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5093754) **10.10** Visual World (4408919) **10.27** Timelines (1733803) **10.44** Living and Growing (7822006) **11.00** Science in Focus (4365349) **11.22** Stage One (8457087) **11.40** Time Capsule (1862648)
12.00 House to House with Maya Even (48803)
12.30 Sesame Street. Actor Kevin Kline joins the puppets (48236) **1.30 Widget.** Cartoon (r) (95209)
2.00 FILM: Page Miss Glory (1935, b/w). Comedy starring Marion Davies and Pat O'Brien. When a man's bogus photograph wins a competition, he has to conjure up a beauty queen. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (190648)
3.40 The Decision. Climber and skier Franz Seeberger plans a death-defying descent of a mountain peak in the Swiss Alps (4913445)
3.55 A Brush with Art. In the final programme of the series, Alwyn Crawshaw visits Brixham Harbour (r) (Teletext) (7609209)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game with Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (716)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. America's favourite agony aunt talks to women who claim they were coerced into robbing banks. (Teletext) (s) (1687174)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon fun (201735)
6.00 Batman. The dynamic duo encounter the Bookworm. With Adam West (209)
6.30 Phenom American comedy series about a teenage tennis progidy. (Teletext) (s) (261)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (754193)
7.50 Comment (Teletext) (901803)
8.00 The Long Summer: Light Bulbs and Lino Six-part series narrated by Alan Bennett about how Britain became a modern nation between the wars (r). (Teletext) (1629)
8.30 The Brief. Guildford Four solicitor Gareth Pierce attacks the Government's plans to weight the law against suspects who choose to say nothing rather than run the risk of incrimination. (Teletext) (3464)



Ice-T applauds a 1970s film genre (9.30pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: Carnography** (6532) **9.30 Kiss My Baadassss — Ice-T's Guide to Blaxploitation.** (Teletext) (76174)
10.00 FILM: Queen of Hearts (1989). A ten-year-old boy's view of an Italian family's life in London. Directed by Jon Amiel. (Teletext) (s) (86171006)
12.05am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. AC Milan v Inter Milan (9783472)
1.05 Lol Coxhill's Frogdance. A documentary on the saxophonist (r) (9655217)
2.10 FILM: Tony Draws a Horse (1950, b/w) starring Cecil Parker and Anne Crawford as a couple who fall out over how to handle their young son. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (338410). Ends at **3.00**
4.00-5.30 Schools (44912)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Story of Pop: See Choice **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce incl **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Cantabile Sing, the Big Band Swing! **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Bossmen **10.00** Rhyme and Rhythm **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science; **9.10** Radio Numbertime. **9.20** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker incl **11.30** Wiggly Park **12.30pm** The Big Day **1.10** The Crunch **2.00** Test Match Special: West Indies v England **7.30** International Cricket and Football **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Give Us Our Daily Bread **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Alexis Korner **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sport **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Conductors at Work **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf. *Rimsky By Himself* **2.45** Top Scores **3.00** News **3.15** Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '94 **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Robert Booth **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67349445) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8905754) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4586754) **6.00** Home and Away (574193) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (808613) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (803) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (616667) **12.40am** The Night the City Screamed (247897) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3739217) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (2283781) **4.15** Jobfinder (1067781) **5.05-5.30** Videofashion (6092236)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (67349445) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (6542551) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8905754) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4586754) **6.00** Home and Away (574193) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (808613) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (803) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (616667) **11.40** The Equalizer (732754) **12.40am** The Powers That Be (3459385) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6510192) **1.40** The Big E (2847217) **2.30** Riviera (94435) **3.00** The Beat (2270217) **3.55** Night Shift (42065033) **4.05** Jobfinder (2225526) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2890217)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67349445) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (8905754) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (4586754) **5.55** Home and Away (232464) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (808613) **7.30-8.00** Good Health! (803) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (616667) **12.40am** The Night the City Screamed (247897) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3739217) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (2283781) **4.15** Jobfinder (1067781) **5.05-5.30** Videofashion (6092236)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (808613) **7.30-8.00** Grass Roots (803)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian News and Weather (7130358) **1.55** A Country Practice (67349445) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6542551) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8905754) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Freescreen (208648) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (667) **6.30-7.00** Southern Gold (919) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (803) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (616667) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (46781)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (8469342) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (7149006) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (7148377) **1.55** A Country Practice (67349445) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News / Bilsdale. Network North (8905754) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (911006) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (919) **7.30-8.00** Lives in Focus (803) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (616667) **11.40** Doctors' Private Lives (908071) **1.30am** The Little Picture Show (69526) **2.30** The Twilight Zone (8974656) **2.55** Sport AM (6717168) **3.55** Stage Three (2077694) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2325507)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (8469342) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (7130358) **1.55** The Young Doctors (90498939) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (93790803) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (8905754) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (73087) **7.30-8.00** Fat Man Goes West (803) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (616667) **12.35am** My Story (2915584) **12.40** The Night the City Screamed (247897) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3739217) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (2283781) **4.15** Jobfinder (1067781) **5.05-5.30** Videofashion (6092236)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67349445) **5.55** Calendar (911006) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (919) **7.30-8.00** Married with Children (803) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (616667) **11.40** Doctors' Private Lives (908071) **1.30am** The Little Picture Show (69526) **2.30** The Twilight Zone (8974656) **2.55** Sport AM (6717168) **3.55** Stage Three (2077694) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2325507)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (10667) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (68667) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (831025) **12.00pm** House To House (48803) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (96938) **1.00** The Royal Collection Private View (13754) **1.30** Nature Perfected Grounds For Change (95209) **2.00** The Late Late Show (85483) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show The Marriage Lab (8025939) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy r (9728358) **4.00** Slot 23 (8693939) **4.05** Tro A Thro r (8643272) **4.15** Manawydan (9434025) **4.40** Chwedlau Pwyfr (7942358) **5.00** Moviewatch (5445) **5.30** Countdown (396) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (869735) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (561754) **6.25** Heno (902483) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5209) **7.30** Dal Ati (445) **8.00** Mbs O Diwn (1629) **8.30** Newyddion/news (3464) **9.00** Horse Opera (6025) **10.00** The Golden Girls And Ma Makes Three (49532) **10.30** Dim Tafod (87174) **11.30** Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (12303) **12.30am** J'Accuse The Superchefs (80588) **1.00** Diwedd (6613192) **4.00** Ysgolion (46149)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Language in Charles Dickens's *Hard Times* **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air Beethoven; Strauss; Sousa; Mattels
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schmidt: Toccata in C; Fugue in G; *Piano Quintet in G*
10.00 Musical Encounters: London Wind Soloists. Haydn); Schubert); Minna Keal; Strauss; Scriabin; Bliss; Mozart
12.00 Music Restored: Corelli (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Boulez Conducts the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra: Stravinsky (Scherzo Fantastique); Webern (Six Pieces, Op 6); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Ravel (Ballet: Ma mère l'oye; Suite: Le tombeau de Couperin; La valse)
2.45 Serenades and Lullabies: Music by Schubert, Zelter, Reger, Strauss, Mahler, Schumann, Britten, Warlock, Fauré and Brahms
3.50 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra performs Mendelssohn; Grieg; Beethoven
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune. Telemann, Haydn; Elgar
7.25 Inventions: VW Beetle
7.30 Pebble Mill 1993/94: Locatelli Trio. Telemann (Paris Quartet in E minor); Muffat (Passacaglia in G minor); Handel (Violin Sonata in A, Op 1 No 3); Handel (Flute Sonata in B minor, Op 1 No 9); Telemann (Fantasia No 12 in A minor for solo violin); Biber (Passacaglia in G minor); Bach (Trio Sonata in G, BWV 1027)
9.20 Yesterday's Tomorrows (2/3)
9.40 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales performs Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht) (r)
10.15 Unsquare Dances (r)
10.45 Night Waves
11.30 Haydn and Françaix (2/6)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day ***8.40*** *Yesterday in* Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Robin Lustig: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 Bill on the Barn (FM only) (2/2)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Serial: *Like Water for Hot Chocolate*
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours,
12.25pm Word of Mouth. The search for the country's champion speller **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre
2.30 Singing for a Living: The baritone Norman Bailey
3.00-4.00 Anderson Country (FM only)
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope In Glasgow: James Kelman's new novel and a biography of Roald Dahl
4.45 Short Story: The Business. Eugene. See Choice
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Board Game
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4 8.00 Science Now
8.30 Contemporaries of Christ: Paul Twivy, former adman, reflects on the Passion
8.45 In Touch 9.15 Kaleidoscope
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime (7/8)
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW only**)

CHOICE

The Story of Pop. *Radio 1, 9.00pm.*
With another 41 episodes to come in Alan Freeman's series, it would be unrealistic to expect tonight's episode, the eleventh, to attempt an exhaustive anatomy of Beatlemania. The phenomenon will spill over into subsequent instalments. The programme does, however, study in some detail the Beatles' conquest and re-conquest of America in the 1960s. Not all the commentators of the era were as wide of the mark as the American who characterised the Beatles as "the junior auxiliaries of Britain's store of angry men".

The Business: Eugene. *Radio 4, 4.45pm.*
The "business" is the film business. Frederic Raphael is no stranger to it. His screenplays include the Academy Award-winning one for *Darling* in 1965. Aptly, in the week of the 1994 Hollywood Oscars, Raphael is reading five of his own short stories about film folk. As you would expect from such a classy and mordant writer, they are as biting as they are polished. They may not ring with truth, perhaps, but anyone who knows the "business" will hear a resounding tinkle every few minutes.
Peter Davalle



THE CLASSIC OPERA GUIDE.
TUESDAY 7PM.
CLASSIC fM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (14999803) **9.10** Cartoons (8671803) **9.30** Card Sharks (30342) **9.55** Concentration (3541984) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4951006) **10.30** Love at First Sight (72223) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (37358) **12.00** Urban Peasant (97193) **12.30pm** E Street (14358) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (39613) **2.00** Harvest Home (56713) **3.00** Another World (8463735) **3.50** DJ Kat (3743990) **5.00** Star Trek (2700) **6.00** Games World (8613) **6.30** E Street (5193) **7.00** M*A*S*H (3629) **7.30** Full House (1377) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (70938) **9.00** Melrose Place (50174) **10.00** Star Trek (53261) **11.00** Untouchables (41551) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (84965) **1.00am** Night Court (50014) **1.30-2.00** Living Color (91858)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (44209) **9.30** Nightline (50984) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (15377) **11.30** Japan (88025) **12.30pm** News/Business (19193) **1.30** CBS News (10822) **2.30** Parliament (13209) **4.30** News/Business (1990) **5.00** Live at Five (114396) **7.30** Target (9919) **9.30** Talkback (25464) **11.30** CBS News (92532) **12.30** ABC News (45168) **1.30am** Target (13588) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (39946) **3.30** Talkback (34491) **4.30** Target (10453) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (50859)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1064483)
10.00 Falsely Accused (1993): A woman is accused of killing her baby (18174)
12.00 Against a Crooked Sky (1975): Richard Boone rescues his sister (17006)
2.00pm Lost in London (1985): A boy goes missing while on holiday in England (71613)
4.00 The Turning Point (1977). Former ballerinas Anne Bancroft and Shirley MacLaine are reunited (2272)
6.00 Falsely Accused (as 10am) (64377)
8.00 The Super (1991). Slum landlord Joe Pesci goes to live in his own flat (69822)
10.00 Timebomb (1991): A watch-maker attempts to unravel his past (766377)
11.40 The Best of Martial Arts Collection of memorable fight scenes (584209)
1.10am Double X (1991) Norman Wisdom plays a reluctant petty crook (459946)
2.45 Lock Up Your Daughters (1969). A toff revels in Elizabethan London (124304)
4.25-5.55 Lost in London (as 2pm) (263323)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (1956, b/w): Novelist Dana Andrews implicates himself in a murder (58984)
7.30 Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes (1984): An wild boy is adopted by the British aristocracy (297613)
10.00 Interiors (1978): Woody Allen's tribute to Bergman (13193). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Leadbelly (1976). Biopic of the master blues guitarist (92243358)
8.10 The Little Prince (1974): Version of de Saint-Exupery's fable (98856193)
10.00 New York Mounted (1991): A former rodeo rider and a cop team up (16716)
12.00 On the Double (1961): Danny Kaye is called on to impersonate a general (15648)
2.00pm Somewhere in Time (1980). Christopher Reeve hunts a lost love (754831)
4.00 The Little Prince (as 8.10am) (6174)
6.00 The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981): Housewife Lily Tomlin is shrunk after exposure to cleaning products (62919)
8.00 Dead Sleep (1991). Hospital-set horror yarn starring Linda Blair (67464)
10.00 Too Hot to Handle (1991): A playboy falls for a showgirl in the 1940s (33919)
12.00 Paydirt (1991): A prison psychologist hunts a stash of stolen money (70946)
1.30am False Identity (1990) A radio presenter helps an amnesiac (426743)
3.10 The Outsider (1980). Political thriller about a Vietnam vet who joins the IRA (50871651). Ends at **5.20**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (74803) **7.30** Soccer (7849532) **7.45** WWF (7900919) **8.30** Snowboarding (19764) **9.00** Prime Bodies (93464) **9.30** NBA Basketball (359532) **12.00** Football (64938) **2.00pm** Test Match Cricket. England v West Indies (39314006) **4.10** Fishing (8971822) **4.40** Test Match Cricket (as 2pm) (41209532) **9.30** Golf Tips (10629) **10.00** Soccer News (875735) **10.15** Football Show (617735) **11.15** Hockey (613919) **12.15-2.15am** German Football (969410)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (88006) **8.00** Figure Skating (3820071) **1.30pm** Eurogoals (56648) **2.30** Motorsports (94551) **3.30** Eurofun (4483) **4.00** NHL Ice Hockey (80071) **5.30** Eurogoals (19358) **6.30** News (1919) **7.00** Figure Skating (89735) **9.00** Boxing (15071) **11.00** European Snooker (85919) **12.00-12.30am** News (80014)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (3253754) **7.30** Neighbours (3232261) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (7686174) **8.25** EastEnders (7685445) **9.00** The Bill (7609025) **9.30** Jemima Shore (8612803) **10.30** Wings (3486087) **11.30** The Sullivans (5136396) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7689261) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7261006) **1.00** EastEnders (3252025) **1.30** The Bill (7280377) **2.00** Shelley (4174377) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5271667) **3.00** Knots Landing (9263464) **3.55** Dynasty (7986667) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3844990) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (14459919) **5.55** Sykes (7358667) **6.30** EastEnders (5263648) **7.00** Academy Awards (4613648) **10.00** The Bill (7680990) **10.30** Carrott (4543025) **11.10** Top of the Pops (2578483) **11.55** Dr Who (5920613) **12.25am** FILM: Marx Brothers Go West (1940, b/w): The zany trio fight greedy rail barons in the old West(95011052) **1.45-2.15** Videos (5022697)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (33629) **6.30** Bobobobs (53919) **7.00** Bears (6645551) **7.15** Toons (429483) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (427754) **8.15** Head to Head (9639025) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (40342) **9.00** Droobee (42377) **10.00** Nellie (82919) **11.00** RatKan II (15551) **11.30** Bobobobs (16280) **12.00** Bears (3168754) **12.15pm** Toons (605844) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (715435) **1.15** Head to Head (58690990) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (66822) **2.00** Potsworth (5071) **2.30** The Herbs (9600174) **2.40** Crystal Tipps (3991358) **2.45** Babar (949071) **3.15** RatKan II (4258984) **3.20** Manu (7814648) **3.35** Special (5067629) **3.45** Spiff and Hercules (6467532) **3.55** Head to Head (4674716) **4.00** Beakman (2602) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (6006)

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BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Ivanhoe (1952) Stirring tale of life in the Middle Ages (9772532) **1.55pm** FILM: Trottie True (1949). A showgirl marries into the aristocracy (81839358) **3.45** Art Linkletter (23377174) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5257087) **4.30** My Three Sons (5173071) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4183025) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (5260551) **6.00** The Invisible Man (5267464) **6.30** Torchy (5258716) **7.00** The Partridge Family (9703396) **8.00** The Avengers (9789716) **9.00** FILM: Jumping For Joy (1956, b/w) Frankie Howerd enters the world of greyhound racing (27587880) **10.45** Art Linkletter (6745938) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (5112716) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (9530483)

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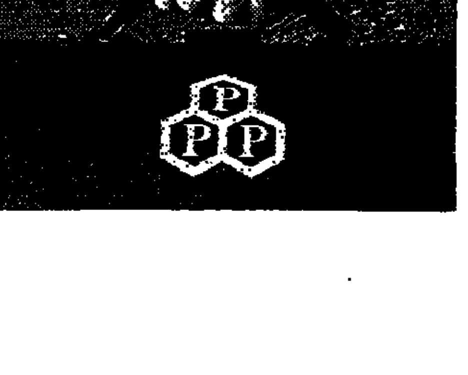
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8.45 God's Country and the Woman (1936): A logging company worker spies on a rival firm (20469174)
10.20 Frontier Rangers (1959) Buddy Ebsen and Keith Larsen explore the rugged old West (97366551)
11.40 Fury River (1959): Heroic tale about settlers colonising the U S (12315174)
1.00am Apache War Smoke (1952, b/w): Settlers shelter at a desert outpost before an Indian raid (37849439)
2.20 Apache Trail (1942, b/w): Brothers are caught in an Indian uprising (31318385)
3.40 Cherokee Strip (1940, b/w): A town has a new marshal (33412269). Ends at **4.50**

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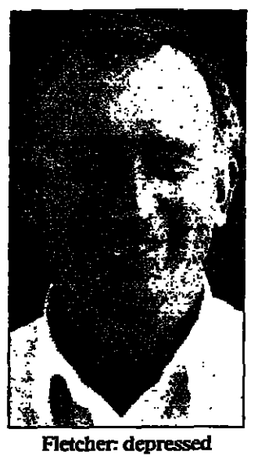
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Weary Fletcher tells tale of England woe


Fletcher: depressed

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

THE state of English Test cricket was evident in the face of Keith Fletcher yesterday as he contemplated the prospect of a sixth successive away defeat since he took over as team manager.

There is no joy in representing failure, especially when it is accompanied by scorn and derision. Fletcher knows this is in store if, as is likely, England fail to save the second Test match against West Indies here today. He was wise enough to resist bravado.

"It won't mean the series is over because there are three games left," he said. "But you don't need me to say how difficult it will be for us to come back from two down. We wanted to draw this game because we would have half a chance of winning in Trinidad, on a pitch where we could well bowl them out. But it will be tough to save it from here."

The state of cricket at home perhaps concerns him more than the state of this single game. For a man not yet two years into his five-year term as manager, it does not make for contentment. "Obviously, it gets you down," he confessed. "Whatever you say or do as manager, you can't magic a side. We have to do the best we can with what is available."

Fletcher was admitting that he is making do with precious little. "We have only got four Test quality batsmen," he said. "And the bowling is a real worry because nobody really disputes that we brought the right men here. There is no Curtly Ambrose on the horizon, no light at the end of the tunnel."

Not for the first time, Fletcher was also critical of the domestic cricket played in recent years. "We have had far too much soft cricket," he said. "Some of the games I have seen have been meaningless. We need a tougher school."

It was a depressing picture and a depressed manager who painted it. If his mood, and that of the team, is to be lightened today, when England resume 115 adrift with four second-innings wickets gone, the fickle Georgetown weather remains the best bet, followed at far longer odds by further heroics from Alec Stewart, who is 72 not out.

Stewart, on Sunday evening, batted with the dash and daring he has shown all tour. His confidence is a direct outcome of stability — ironically, the very stability that some would now disturb by once again giving him the wicketkeeping gloves, sacrificing Jack Russell in order to play another bowler and compromising quality with quantity.

Thus far, I am glad to report, the management's despair is not so profound as to lead them down that course. Michael Atherton, the captain, is as one with his manager in protecting the policy of playing the specialist. Russell's class, which overrides his variable form in this match, is one persuader; Stewart's confidence is another.

"We are not going to change our wicketkeeper," was Fletcher's categorical assurance. "Jack is his own worst critic but the two stumpings he has missed here were far from easy. And Alec is flourishing opening the batting, I certainly don't want to mess that up."

Stewart's determination to play his natural game is laudable and, on Sunday, he timed the ball better than anyone in the game bar Brian Lara. What he did not do, however, was eliminate the strokes that are high risk on this pitch, principally the pull. Several times, the hearts of the England dressing-room must have skipped a beat as the line of Stewart's bat and the squatting ball passed as strangers. Fortune favoured him but he will surely not last long this morning if he persists with the shot.

A pitch that had permitted West Indies to amass 556 in comfort suddenly advertised all kinds of hidden terrors when England batted again, a phenomenon that came as no surprise to Fletcher. He said: "The difference between the sides is that they have four quick bowlers on an uneven pitch and it is very hard for the batsmen to play forward against them." This is not unique to the Georgetown Test. Indeed, despite the guarded optimism about the Port of Spain Test, which starts on Friday, the same thing may well be decisive there; and again in Barbados early in April.

It is the admission of the manager that England have too few batsmen who can cope and no bowlers who can rival the opposition's methods. It does not take great intelligence to conclude from this that 2-0 today could all too easily become 5-0 this time next month.

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Bell's give Scottish league £6m support

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

SCOTTISH football yesterday received a £6 million peace dividend. The decision by the whisky firm, Bell's, to sponsor the league championship for that amount over the next four years follows directly upon the ending of hostilities in the sport's civil war. The leading clubs had threatened a breakaway and only agreed to drop their plans when a reorganisation into four divisions of ten was agreed last summer.

Bell's entered into negotiations almost immediately and the new set-up will be backed by them from its inception next season. The company's chairman, Lord Macfarlane, admitted yesterday that the revamping of the league and the outbreak of harmony had enticed Bell's. Jaundiced observers have been surprised to find just how much commercial potential the game actually has.

There may be a harsh climate of opinion when the quality of Scottish football is under discussion, but the spectator appeal remains remarkably sunny. Premier division gates showed an 11 per cent increase for the first half of this season while League Cup attendances climbed by 17 per cent. The price tag for sponsors has, in consequence, also risen.

The Bell's deal trebles the amount injected by the previous sponsors, B & Q, who declined to renew their contract in 1992, just as the breakaway Super League dispute was beginning. Last week, Coca-Cola announced that it will sponsor the League Cup, which has lacked a backer since Skol withdrew its backing. The soft drinks firm is also trebling the old investment by providing £3 million over four years. The deals negotiated by the Scottish Football Association's commercial director, Bill Wilson, for the three leading competitions now amount to £12 million, while the national team's sportswear contract with Umbro brings the total to £24 million.

Both Coca-Cola and Bell's are expected to bring their immense marketing expertise to bear on the Scottish game and Lord Macfarlane was insistent yesterday that Scottish football will be significantly enhanced: "A sport we are involved in," he said, "must not be embarrassing or in any way mediocre. We will work with the authorities to make sure there is improvement in the league over the years of our sponsorship. This is not charity on our part. There must be value for money."

However, it would be unduly optimistic to assume that the Bell's sponsorship will produce prolific goalscorers or even wingers who can keep their crosses in play. The whisky firm's arrival on the scene is most welcome, but the Scottish game might prove an even greater challenge than the international drinks market.

Furthermore, football's gain may be golf's loss. The future of the Bell's Scottish Open has been put in doubt by the decision to sponsor the Scottish league, since the company's contract with the PGA European Tour is in its final year.

"A lot of time and money has been spent making the Scottish Open an attractive event, but nothing will be decided until later this year," Lord Macfarlane said. The event can attract larger crowds than the Open Championship.

The spotlight will switch from football's corridors of power to the field of play tomorrow when Scotland return to Hampden Park for the first time in two years. Hampden, which has undergone a £12 million facelift, will be welcoming Holland, who put England out of the World Cup, and the return to the home of Scottish football and the quality of the opposition has ensured the match is a sell-out. John McGinlay, the Bolton forward, is likely to make his debut if he shakes of a virus.

MICHAEL POWELL


Bernstein, the Cambridge president, left, and Michels, his Oxford counterpart, meet in Hurlingham yesterday at the weigh-in for the Boat Race

Crews close to record at weigh-in

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD and Cambridge underwent their official weigh-in for the Boat Race at the Hurlingham Club yesterday and were not far short of the record of 14st 12lb average per crew set by Oxford in 1990.

Oxford, at 14st 7lb, have a 2lb advantage over Cambridge, nothing to be regarded as significant, and there was the odd suggestion that they had taken on water before arriving.

Sverke Lorgen, Oxford's Norwegian six man, is the heaviest competitor in the race, sponsored by Beefeater Gin, at 16st 11lb, not threatening the 17st 15lb bulk of Chris Heathcote, of Oxford, in 1990, although the Norwegian's older brother, Snorre, at 15st 8lb, enters the record books as the heaviest seven man in race history. Sinclair Gore, of Ireland, also at 15st 8lb, provides a record for Cambridge as the heaviest ever three man.

Cambridge, as in 1993, have spent the last week at Nottingham avoiding the limelight and rumours of crew changes proved unfounded, the only alteration since the Challenge being the reintroduction of Martin Haycock, their 1993 coxswain, the youngest competitor in the race at 20 years six months. With Liz Chick, Oxford's 1992 steerswoman, back in harness, the race makes history with two women coxes.

Oxford's penultimate Boat Race week was more eventful than that of Cambridge, culminating in the introduction of Fred Smallbone as the crew's finishing coach. Richard Tinkler, the Oxford chief coach, was not happy with the coaching change.

"It was not what was done but how it was done," he said yesterday. "My first reaction was to blow up but I have taken a few deep breaths."

Steve Royle, Oxford's director of rowing, pointed out that Smallbone, a Henley steward and Olympic and world silver medal-winner in the 1970s, had been in the team throughout the year, being called in to "gee people up".

"A finishing coach is different from a daily coach," he said. "The right things were not being said. We needed a different voice talking."

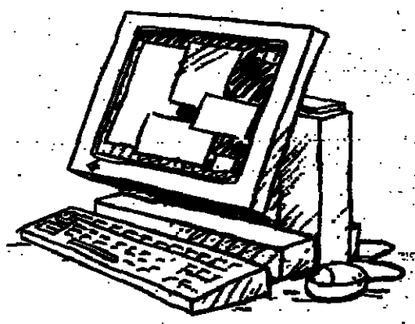
Smallbone himself is not overawed. "I have stood behind the finishing coach for eight years," he said. "The only difference this year is that I am holding the megaphone."

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Cambridge: 11.30am. Oxford: 4.0pm (v Leander/Oxford Old Blues).

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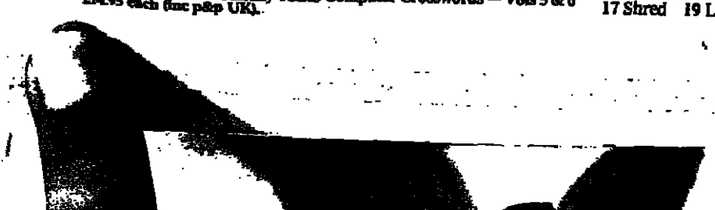
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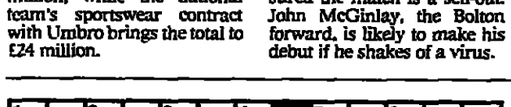
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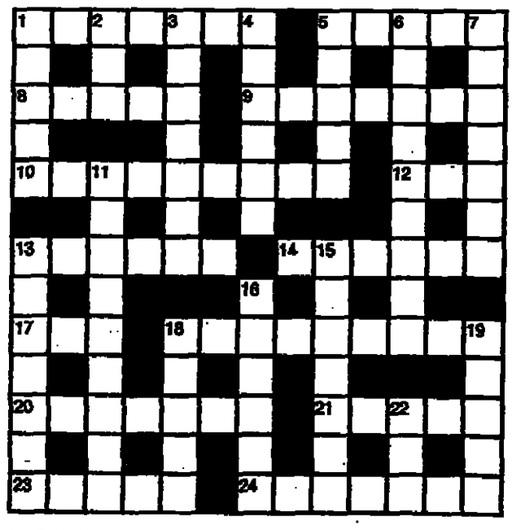
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5 Type of wheat (5)
8 PM who lost American colonies (5)
9 Prepared by exercising (7)
10 Tasty; cactus (9)
12 Professional charge (3)
13 Support; hillside wood (6)
14 Nun in charge (6)
17 Feather scarf (3)
18 Convinced (9)
20 First letter (7)
21 Arbour (5)
23 Understanding; meaning (5)
24 Follow accepted practice (7)

DOWN
1 Two-faced Roman god (5)
2 And not (3)
3 (Done) on the premises (2-5)
4 OT Jewish girl made Queen of Persia (6)
5 Precise; extort (5)
6 Notts. town; consumptive writer (9)
7 Reparation (7)
11 Communicable disease; evil influence (9)
13 (Genetic) crosses (7)
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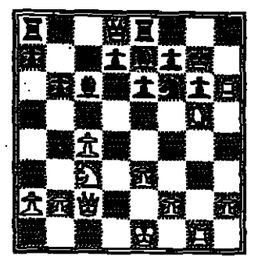
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DOWN: 1 Grappled 2 Endows 3 Stupor 4 Slip 5 Office 6 Suave 11 Busybody 13 Useful 14 Tinker 15 Drawer 17 Shred 19 Lido

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Bobotsev - Kolarov, Varna 1971. The Black kingside looks reasonably secure, but White blasted a way through. Can you see how?



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By Philip Howard

BABION
a. A baboon
b. An incipient particle
c. A wooden barn girder

ALKEDAVY
a. A palace
b. Hunky-dory
c. Algebraic logarithms

ODAM
a. A son-in-law
b. An exclamation of irritation
c. A Runic script

PENTSTEMON
a. A Spartan mess-house
b. A showy flower
c. A mortuary bust

Answers on page 42